



THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

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Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC,

Governor of Victoria

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Introduction

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. (the Association) is part of the largest women's organisation in Australia. It is a non-party political and non-sectarian organisation for country and city women.

It aims to provide direct benevolent assistance to disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families in need throughout metropolitan, regional, rural and remote settings in Victoria through:

- (a) volunteer community service;
- (b) the establishment and management of community support networks; and
- (c) the provision of financial aid or emergency funding.

Members work for the welfare of women, children and families through representation to all levels of government, undertaking fundraising events, providing networking opportunities and teaching life skills.

The Victorian Association was formed on 12 March 1928 and today boasts over 5,000 members. Each member belongs to one of 310 Branches state-wide that maintains its own program and is empowered to support community needs.

The Educational Grants first were established in 1946 to assist students with educational expenses. Since then, the number of grants available at both State level, and through individual branches of the Association have grown.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The Association has two categories of Educational grants: those available to members and their families, and those open to the general public.

1. Those open to members and their families¹:

- Secondary grants for those attending or about to attend secondary college
- Tertiary grants for the chosen course for a period of three years, provided evidence is given each year of re-enrolment and satisfactory results
- Diamond Jubilee Residential Grant for a student commencing Tertiary education who is in their first year of full time study and who needs to live away from home.
- Post Graduate Awards - in the fields of environmental studies, agribusiness, food technology, health related fields and rural health nursing

2. Those open to the general public:

- Post Graduate Awards in the fields of environmental studies, agribusiness, food technology, health related fields and rural health nursing

¹ Family members are defined as a member, a junior member, a member's child, a member's step-child, a member's grandchild or step grandchild, a child for whom the member is the legal guardian
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EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Educational Grants available for Application by General Public and CWA of Victoria Members – Post Graduate Awards

Closing Date for Applications 31 March

Sarah Amiet (nee Nicholson) Award

This Scholarship has been created through a legacy from the Estate of the Late Joan Margaret Ritchie to establish an annual award to enable a rural student to undertake tertiary training for one of the health-related professions particularly for rural areas. Preference is to disadvantaged students. The award is known as ‘The Sarah Amiet (nee Nicholson) Award’ in tribute to Joan Ritchie’s Grandmother and other pioneer women of the Victorian countryside.

Sarah Amiet (1854-1895) was born at Keilor Plains, the eldest daughter of Scottish migrants. She became a teacher and, after her marriage, a pioneer farmer’s wife in the bush near Fairbank, Gippsland. Her early death was the result of an absence of medical aid in childbirth.

This award will be granted to a rural student to undertake tertiary training for a health-related profession. Study can be full or part time, suitable for continuing education, for an accredited health related course run within a university. The recipient must be working in a health-related profession outside Metropolitan Melbourne. The recipient must be a resident of Victoria.

There are additional requirements for this Award. Please read the application carefully.

<http://cwaofvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/application-form-for-sarah-amiet-nee-nicholson-award.docx>

Environmental Post Graduate Award

- To mark the 150th Anniversary of the State of Victoria (1984/85).
- Available to Degree and Diploma Graduates wishing to pursue further study and /or research into any area of environmental science.
- Awardee must be a resident of Victoria but may take up the award in any State or Territory of Australia.

<http://cwaofvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/application-form-for-environmental-post-graduate-award.docx>

Alice Stewart Post Graduate Award in Agribusiness

- To qualify, the applicant must be employed in the food or fibre industries. Must have a Degree or Diploma, and a minimum two (2) year’s work experience, or six (6) years’ experience in the industry.

<http://cwaofvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/application-form-for-alice-stewart-post-graduate-award-in-agribusiness.docx>

Victoria Louisa Craig Rural Health Nurse Post Graduate Award

This scholarship was set up in 1998. The applicant must be degree qualified and must be undertaking the Graduate Diploma in Rural Health and will continue working in a rural environment.

<http://cwaofvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/application-form-for-victoria-louisa-craig-rural-health-nurse-post-graduate-award.docx>

Food Technology Education Award

- Applicant must be studying a Degree or Diploma in Applied Science/Food Technology. Study must be at an approved institution in Vitoria.
- Award made in recognition of 60 years of commitment to The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc by the Catering Committee.

<http://cwaofvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/application-form-for-food-technology-education-award.docx>

Application Guidelines - Post Graduate Awards

1. Application forms for the Post Graduate Awards will be available on the website from February each year. Closing date is 31 March in any year.
2. All applications must be made on the appropriate form with additional information and references attached as required.
3. Applications must be received no later than 31 March and can be forwarded either by mail to:

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc
3 Lansell Road
TOORAK VIC 3142

or by email to cwaadmin@cwaofvic.org.au

4. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted
5. Successful applicants will be notified in writing within eight (8) weeks of the closing date.
6. If an award is made to the applicant, the student cannot accept the award and then defer studies.

Note: Any money received from The Country Women's Association Scholarship Fund is non-taxable income for the recipient.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I apply for more than one award?

Answer: Yes, you can apply for all awards for which you are eligible as per the guidelines

2. Do I need to be a member of CWA of Victoria

Answer: There are some awards that are only open to members. All the postgraduate awards are available to Victorian residents and CWA of Victoria members. Refer to guidelines

3. What if I can't obtain my current results

Answer: Only fully completed applications will be considered

Educational Grants available for Application by CWA of Victoria Members only

Applications Open in August – Closing date for Applications 30 September

Note: Membership must be of at least 18 months standing to qualify for application.

Secondary

For applicants attending or about to attend a Secondary College. It is awarded for one (1) year only. Awardees may reapply each year. Amount awarded may depend on the number of applicants and/or amount of money earned in that year from interest bearing deposits.

Tertiary

Awarded for the chosen course for a period of 3 years at \$750 per year, providing evidence is given each year, in writing, of satisfactory passes and re-enrolment. Consideration will be given to continuing the award for an extra Honours year, should the awardee wish to continue. The award is to be applied for the purchase of books or equipment. A number of general awards are available.

Awards in the name of the Late Mrs A.A. Gibbs

These grants are only available to the grandchildren of members.

- Four Secondary awards and four Tertiary awards are made each year. Their value will depend on the funds available in that year.
- Each award is for one year only. Applicants may reapply each year.
- Only the interest earned from the original donation is to be paid out by way of education grants.

Diamond Jubilee Tertiary Residential Grant

Made possible through a State Project to mark the Diamond Jubilee of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. 1928-1988.

- Available to a student commencing Tertiary education who, in their first year of study, needs to live away from home.

Application Guidelines – Educational Grants for Members only

1. Application forms for the Secondary and Tertiary Awards, the AA Gibbs Awards and the Diamond Jubilee Residential Grant will be available on the website from August each year. Closing date 30 September in any year.
2. All applications must be made on the appropriate form with additional information and references attached as required.
3. Applications for Educational Grants must be signed by the Applicant, Branch President, and the Group President who must be the LAST person to sign off on the application.
4. Applications must be received no later than 30 September and can be forwarded either by mail to:

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5. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted
6. Only one Educational Grant awarded per family in any one year (unless the applicant is a member in their own right)
7. **Secondary Education Grant.** **THREE** references must be supplied: **TWO** from responsible non-family citizens and **ONE** from Principal/Co-ordinator.
8. **Tertiary Education Grant.** **THREE** references must be supplied: **TWO** from responsible citizens and **ONE** from Educational Institution
9. Successful applicants will be notified in writing within eight (8) weeks of the closing date.
10. If an award is made to the applicant, the student cannot accept the award and then defer studies.
11. Educational Grants are awarded for one year only
12. Tertiary scholarships are awarded for applicants attending or about to attend University, non-university Institution, TAFE College, etc. and may be awarded for a period of three years provided proof is given each year, in writing, of successful completion of the year, together with a copy of the re-enrolment form for the following year

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