



Hindmarsh Town Mission Education Scholarship Program

Background

The Hindmarsh Town Mission began in 1865 when a Hindmarsh Uniting Church missionary named Thomas Harkness was sponsored by a local philanthropist George Fife Angas, to work for the local community. The Hindmarsh Town Mission committee was set up to “superintend the missionary labours of Mr Harkness”, and resolved to “collect and distribute a fund for the relief of the poor”. The Town Mission largely operated from their office located on the Port Road median strip and the Hindmarsh Civic Centre, helping up to 300 people per year with practical assistance such as food vouchers, Christmas hampers and mattresses. The mission statement of the group was “to provide guidance and practical assistance to persons in the Hindmarsh and adjacent areas who are in need by reason of poverty, sickness, distress or other misfortunes”.

In 1996 the Hindmarsh Town Mission dissolved due to a decrease in volunteer numbers and an increase in local not for profit agencies taking up the causes the Mission worked for. At this time, the management of the Hindmarsh Town Mission Trust Fund was handed to the City of Hindmarsh and Woodville. The fund is now managed by the City of Charles Sturt. In order to continue to honour the spirit of the Mission, Council endorsed the establishment of an Education Scholarship Program (Application form is attached) to support students living in the Hindmarsh Ward (refer to map) to access funds to support their educational goals.

Guidelines

Scholarships are to be used toward the cost of enrolment fees, course material, uniforms or any other related course needs.

The categories of funding available are as follows:

What category are you applying under?	Please tick
1. Up to \$100 towards continuing education for young people at primary school level, YearR-7.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Up to \$200 towards continuing education for young people at secondary school level, Year 8-12.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Up to \$250 towards community based educational programs that are stepping stones to higher education: toward enrolment fees, course material, or any other course needs. This includes any course run in the community that help to build the skills or confidence to assist you to move onto other study or pursue work opportunities. E.g. WEA, local community centre computing course.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Up to \$400 towards continuing education for post secondary students: toward enrolment fees, course material, or any other course needs. Includes study at TAFE SA, University and Non-Government Education Providers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicants need to provide a letter of support from someone who knows them and their reason for applying for a scholarship. This could include your School Principal, lecturer, neighbour, or someone who has known you for a number of years. If you are unable to get a support letter, please provide the name and contact details for the course coordinator or teacher of the course you are intending to study in the section provided in the application form.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must reside within the City of Charles Sturt in the Hindmarsh Ward which includes the suburbs of Bowden, Brompton, Croydon, Ridleyton, West Croydon, Renown Park, Kilkenny and parts of Devon Park and Ovingham (please see map below). Applicants must be enrolled in a course of study.

How to apply and when to apply?

Applications open **1 December and close the last day of February each year**. All applications must be filled out on the Hindmarsh Town Mission Education Scholarship Program application form. The applicant must provide photocopies of documents to support the application and a letter of support. The City of Charles Sturt will undertake to provide responses to applicants within 4 weeks of the closing date.

All applications should be submitted by mail to:

Hindmarsh Town Mission Education Scholarship Program
Attention: Administrative Assistant – Community Services
City of Charles Sturt
PO Box 1
WOODVILLE SA 5011

or Fax on 8408 1122

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Criteria for Funding

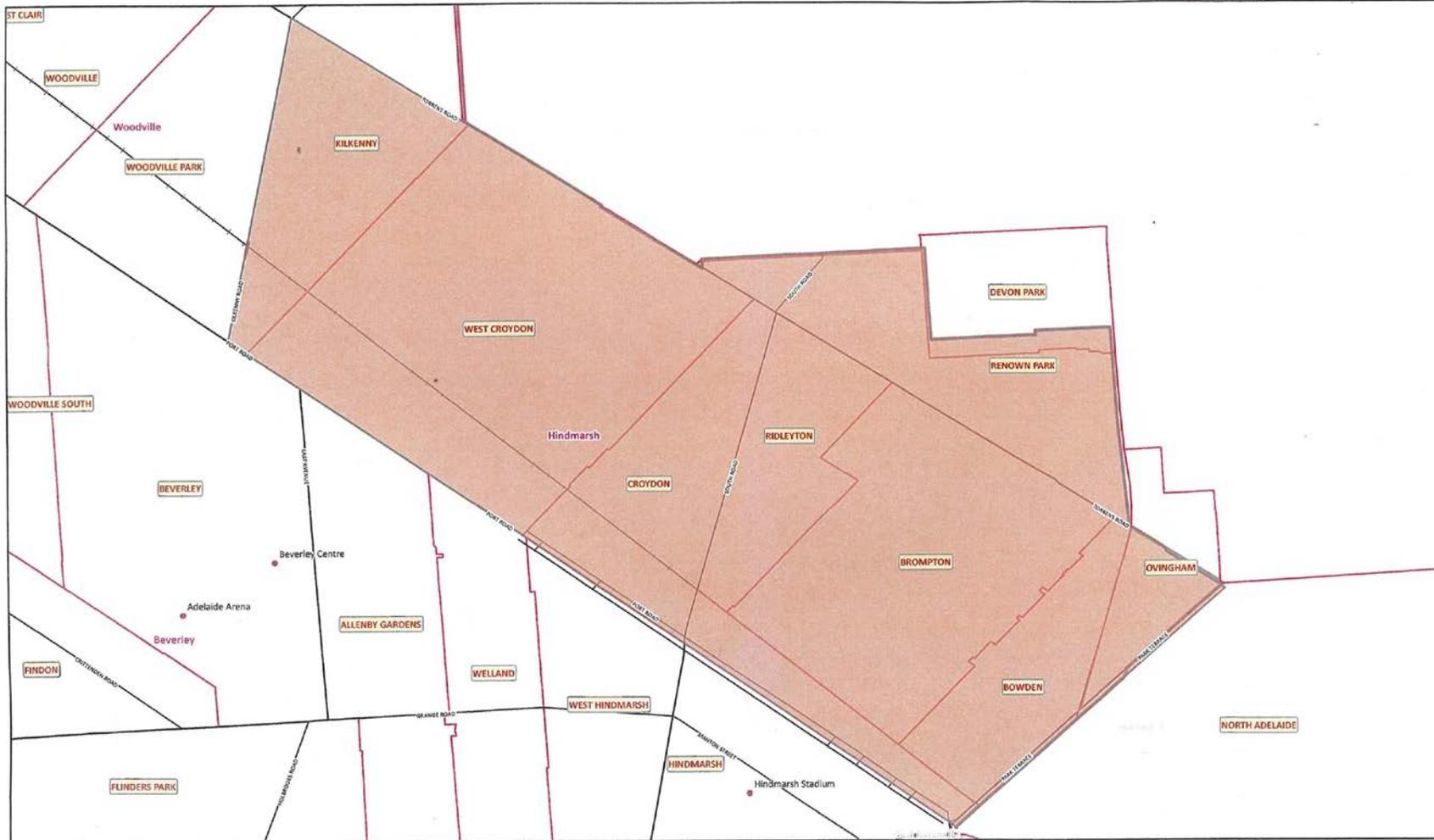
The number of scholarships and the amount awarded under each category is at the discretion of the assessment panel. Please ensure you have checked the guidelines before submitting your application.

When will you find out about your application?

Applications will be assessed within two weeks of the closing date. You will be notified of the decision within 4 weeks of the closing date of applications.

If you are unsuccessful and would like feedback contact the City of Charles Sturt's Administrative Assistant – Community Connections on 8408 1274.

Map of Hindmarsh Ward



Scale 1: 16,000

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Comments: Please note: the suburbs of Hindmarsh and West Hindmarsh are not contained in Hindmarsh Ward

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