

# **Father Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Information for Applicants**

## **What:**

Father Francis Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards 2017

Father Francis Hefferan was Parish Priest at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Nambour for over 40 years. When he died his family generously established a fund (Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund) to be used to reward young people of skill and endeavour.

## **Who:**

These awards are open to all young people in the Sunshine Coast District regardless of religious affiliation who are between the ages of 15 and 25 and who show dedication and the pursuit of excellence in the areas of academia, the arts and sporting pursuits.

This is the 17th year of these Bursaries and Awards during which time \$145,200 has been distributed to 165 young people from the Sunshine Coast who have shown academic excellence, sporting prowess, or ability in the arts.

## **Guidelines:**

- There are three award categories: Academic, Arts and Sport
- Applications are received on the Fr Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Application Form
- In each category two "awards" are available upon meeting category criteria: A Bursary and an Award
- Applications are accepted in more than one Category. The application for each category must be on a separate Application Form
- Successful applications are chosen by the Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund Committee using a process of discernment. The allocation of Bursaries and Awards is at the discretion of the Committee
- The value of a Bursary and an Award is determined annually by the Committee
- A winner of a Bursary in any of the categories in previous years is unable to re-apply
- A winner of an Award in any of the categories in previous years may re-apply
- Young people between the ages of 15 and 25 years are eligible to apply
- Applicants must display proven exceptional ability achievement and perseverance in any field of endeavour ( active in this area for a minimum of two years)
- Of any religion or race but must reside in or have resided in the Nambour District and areas adjoining the Nambour District (Sunshine Coast)
- Two written references must accompany the application. Both referees must have known the applicants for at least 2 years. One referee needs to comment on character. One referee needs to comment on the area of expertise e.g. teachers Pastors, coaches or family friends. Close family members are not suitable. Applications will not be considered without 2 written references attached
- No late applications are accepted
- No correspondence is entered into regarding the Bursaries and Awards decisions of the Committee