

Father Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Information for Applicants 2023

Background:

The Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund was established in 2000 to encourage young people to achieve their goals by rewarding outstanding efforts in academia, the arts, and innovative pursuits.

Eligibility:

Applications are available to young people who

- are between the ages of 15 and 25 years
- reside in, or have resided in, the Sunshine Coast District
- display proven exceptional ability, the pursuit of excellence and outstanding achievements in any of the categories for a minimum of two years.

Guidelines:

- The categories are: **Academic, Arts, and Innovation.**
- The application is currently a pdf file so if using windows opening in google docs will allow you to type in the spaces provided. When finished save as a pdf again. Please scan any documentation that you have and attach to your application when you email it to stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au
- In each category, there is a Bursary and an Award. The value of the Bursary and Award is determined annually by the Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund Committee.
- Applications are submitted by email on the Fr Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Application Form, available at <http://www.nambourcatholics.net>
- An applicant may apply in more than one category. A separate application is required for each category.
- A winner of a Bursary in any of the categories in previous years cannot re-apply.
- A winner of an Award in any of the categories in previous years may re-apply.
- Two written references must accompany the application. Both referees must have known the applicant for at least 2 years. One referee should comment on character. One referee should comment on the area of expertise and could be a teacher, Pastor, coach or family friend. Close family members may not be referees. Applications without 2 written references will not be considered.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Members of the Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund Committee choose successful applicants. The allocation of Bursaries and Awards is at the discretion of the Committee.
- No correspondence will be entered into regarding the decisions of the Committee.

Key Dates:

- Applications open **Wednesday 2nd November 2022**
- Applications close **Friday 3rd February, 2023**
- All applicants will be notified by email by **Monday 27th February, 2023**
- Presentation of the Bursaries and Awards **date to be advised**