

## FAQ - Dafydd Lewis Trust 2011

### **Is this scholarship open to boys and girls?**

No, the Dafydd Lewis Trust was established under a Will in 1942 and only boys may apply for a Dafydd Lewis Scholarship. Girls may apply for a Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship. You will find information about the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship on the website [www.lewisscholarships.org.au](http://www.lewisscholarships.org.au)

### **What age restrictions apply?**

You must not be older than 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 (i.e. not yet 20).

### **Is the Dafydd Lewis Scholarship an equity and merit based scholarship?**

Yes, the Dafydd Lewis scholarship is an equity and merit based scholarship. The scholarship is paid to a person to undertake study at an educational institution, specifically tertiary studies at any university in Victoria. All applicants are subject to a personal and parental income test. Successful applicants are awarded a scholarship on the basis of academic achievement as well as financial need.

### **What is the means test limit that my parents' combined gross income must not exceed?**

For applicants who will be commencing tertiary studies in 2011, parental income must not exceed \$64,641.

### **What if my parents are divorced or separated?**

If your parents are divorced or separated but they both still support you then financial details from both are required.

### **What if one of my parents does not contribute to my upbringing?**

If only one parent actually contributes to your maintenance and that parent does not receive maintenance from the other parent, information about the contributing parent's income will be sufficient.

### **What are liabilities?**

A liability is money owing on any assets e.g. a mortgage or personal loan.

### **What restrictions are there regarding my secondary education?**

You must have been educated at a Victorian State School for at least 5 years preceding the award of the scholarship. Applicants holding humanitarian visas may be granted scholarships if they meet the following criteria:

- The applicant holds a visa issued by the Commonwealth on the grounds that he, his parent or parents or any other relevant person should be granted asylum in Australia, he was a refugee, or on any other humanitarian ground.
- The maximum age for such applicants is fixed at 21 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the first year for which the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant has been educated in Victoria at a Victorian State School for a period of not less than two years preceding the award of the scholarship.

### **What restrictions are there regarding what I can study?**

You can study any course but not Arts, Music, Theology or Education, excepting those students who wish to undertake the Arts course for the purpose of gaining entry to a course which was previously offered by the institution as an undergraduate degree but is now only offered at postgraduate level.

**What is the closing date for applications?**

This year's closing date is Friday, 10 December 2010.

**When will scholarship interviews be conducted?**

Interviews will be conducted in late January 2011. If the Scholarship Trustees wish to interview you, you will be invited to attend by telephone or email a few days before the interviews are held.

**What if my birth certificate is not in English?**

You must submit a copy of your original birth certificate with a version translated into English accompanying it.

**What does 'Name of Examination' mean?**

This means the name of your final high school examination. In Victoria, this means VCE or VET or IB.

**What if I have more information than the space provided allows?**

You may attach extra pages. Please write your name on every extra page attached.

**Who can witness the Statutory Declaration of your parents?**

In Victoria, persons authorised to witness statutory declarations include:

- A Justice of the Peace
- A member of the police force
- A senior officer of a Council as defined in the Local Government Act 1989
- A Councillor of a municipality
- A legally qualified medical practitioner
- A dentist
- A veterinary surgeon
- A pharmacist
- A principal in the (State) teaching service
- The manager of a bank
- A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
- The secretary of a building society
- A minister of religion authorised to celebrate marriages
- A barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court
- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria
- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth

**Will information supplied by me and documents I submit be treated in confidence?**

Your application itself, and any document of a personal nature such as a birth certificate, passport photograph or any financial documents attached to your application will be treated confidentially.

**Who administers the Dafydd Lewis Trust?**

ANZ Trustees is the Trustee of the Dafydd Lewis Trust and is responsible for its administration and the payment of all scholarships. ANZ Trustees is greatly assisted in this by a group called the Scholarship Trustees who are responsible for the selection of winning Scholars. The Scholarship Trustees receive no remuneration for their services.

*Before you finalise your application, please check the website [www.lewisscholarships.org.au](http://www.lewisscholarships.org.au) for the latest information.*