



## Gould League of NSW Scholarship 2018 Application Form and Guidelines

### Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide teachers, tertiary students and environmental educators with financial assistance (up to \$1000) to attend the Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) NSW bi-annual conference [www.nswconference.org.au/](http://www.nswconference.org.au/) or, in the off year, the AAEE national conference, or an equivalent professional learning activity.

The scholarship is a legacy left by the Gould League of NSW to assist future environmental and sustainability educators in their learning and to develop their skills and knowledge to:

- integrate sustainability, science and geography into their curriculum
- connect people with their natural environment
- empower the community to live more sustainably.

### Background

For 100 years the Gould League of NSW (originally Gould League of Bird Lovers) was an institution in NSW public schools. The organisation originated at Wellington Public School in 1910 as the idea of a young teacher, Walter Finigan, and his head master Edward Webster. It grew quickly and was established state wide in the same year. The Gould League has contributed over time to the fields of bird study, nature study, natural science, conservation and environmental education in NSW and Australia.

In the early years of the Gould League, there was no other organisation dedicated to the preservation and study of birds and being able to relate that to students in a practical way. It was a natural progression that the Gould League of NSW branched out and became a pioneer organisation in public schools for environmental education.

The Gould League also had a strong voice in the forming of environmental policy and influencing opinions on environmental issues in the wider community. But most people would remember their introduction to the Gould League through their membership and pledge to the environment, and gaining the benefits of practical learning in their primary education.

In 2010 the Gould League of NSW celebrated its centenary at Wellington Public School in central NSW where it had started. It was decided that the Gould League NSW had reached an end of an era and that Environmental Education had come a long way in those 100 years, so the NSW Chapter of Gould League has wrapped up. "This scholarship will provide an enduring reminder of the early beginnings of Environmental Education in NSW and Australia". (*Gould League History*, David Tribe)

### **Guidelines**

Current AAEE members who are teachers or environmental educators who work with teachers or students in NSW primary and secondary schools, or students studying Environmental and Sustainability subjects in tertiary institutions, are all welcome to apply.

### **Due date**

Please submit your application by **1 July 2018** via email to [project@aaensw.org.au](mailto:project@aaensw.org.au)

### **Selection criteria**

The scholarship winner will be selected by a selection panel, based on the following criteria.

- Current member of AAEE
- Upholding the values of the Gould League
- Supporting environmental education or education for sustainability
- Likely to benefit from the funded professional development opportunity
- Willing to pass on learning to school, university or work place
- Willing to submit a post-conference report

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received the scholarship.

### **Scholarship acquittal**

A report must be submitted within 3 months of the professional learning activity, which may be used in AAEE publications. The topic you are asked to address in your report is:

*How the experience enhanced your work; any ideas, skills and strategies that you learnt from the experience, and how you have shared them with others.*

### **Further information**

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### A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### 1. Are you a current member of AAEE?

Yes / No (*Please Circle*)

#### 2. Your details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Referee

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Experience

Describe a recent or current project/s you have been involved in that promotes environmental education and/or education for sustainability:

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#### 5. Gould League values

Describe how you are upholding the values of the Gould League (i.e. connecting people with their natural world; empowering the community to live more sustainably):

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**B. CONFERENCE DETAILS**

1. Conference title: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Proposed Costs**

Please detail proposed costs including fees, transport, accommodation and other costs:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposed cost (\$)</b>
Registration	
Travel	
Accommodation	
Other:	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	

**3. What are the conference topics that interest you?**

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**4. How will this professional development opportunity be beneficial to you?**

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**5. Outline how you will share the learning you have gained from the conference in your community (i.e. school, university or work place) \_\_\_\_\_**

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**6. How will people (e.g. students, teachers) from your organisation benefit from your attendance?**

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**C. DECLARATION**

I agree to the AAEE scholarship guidelines and post scholarship reporting obligations.

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Signature of scholarship applicant

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Name of applicant

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Date

**PRIVACY** - Personal information you provide in this application is required to process the application and will only be used for that purpose. The information is held by AAEE and access is restricted to the scholarship assessment team and other authorised people. You may apply to access or amend the information after submitting your application.

**Office Use Only**

Grant approved? Yes / No

Applicant advised of outcome (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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