

FESTURI – a multicultural celebration Inc

Annual Bursary Program

General Information

To mark ten successful years since the first *FESTURI* performance the Management Committee has decided to implement an on-going Bursary Program which will reward the particular community group which has supported this project from the very beginning – the young people who made meaningful contact with their peers and the wider community through their participation in the performing arts.

The goal of the Bursary Program is to encourage young people of culturally and linguistic diverse backgrounds (CALD) to enter tertiary studies at the completion of their secondary education. Particular attention will be paid to the extra-curricula efforts of these young people in all aspects of creative arts.

The Selection Panel will consist of the HOSES (ESL) Sunshine Coast Intensive English Unit, one nominated member of the *FESTURI* Management Committee and one community member who has shown interest and commitment to the multicultural community on the Sunshine Coast.

The Award

One bursary of \$500 will be awarded annually.

Who is Eligible to apply for the Bursary?

Year 12 students from CALD backgrounds who are attending any Secondary School in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council area AND have arrived in Australia as immigrants in the last 5 years AND have received English as a Second Language (ESL) support, may apply.

Those nominating for the award should show:

- ❑ Awareness of issues faced in schools by those from CALD backgrounds.
- ❑ Active commitment to performance and/or support for the creative arts.
- ❑ Evidence of scholastic achievements e.g. latest school report.

Application Requirements

- ❑ Completion of the official application
- ❑ Verification of current enrolment by school official
- ❑ Two confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant, such as teachers, school officials or community leaders.

All applications and supporting information become the property of *FESTURI – a multicultural celebration Inc*. The *FESTURI* Management Committee has final authority over any aspect of the Awards.

Application process

The application process must start with a school or an ESL (English as a Second Language) Teacher. All application materials must be received at *FESTURI* by the printed deadline.

Timetable

Application is updated on the <i>FESTURI</i> Web site (www.festuri.org.au).....	by 22 nd August 2009
Applications received by <i>FESTURI</i>	by 16 th October 2009
Recipients selected and interviewed by Panel.....	by 30 th October 2009
Announcement Recipients & Presentation of Bursaries.....	...5 th November 2009

Question

1. Settlement Experiences

(20 marks)

Outline your personal experience of the social and educational challenges you have faced when coming to live and study in Australia.
(150 to 300 words)

2. Inter-cultural Awareness

(20 marks)

Describe the activities you have participated which have increased your knowledge and understanding of other cultures and customs. Where possible refer particularly to your participation in any aspect of the creative arts.
(150 to 200 words)

3. Community Involvement

(10 marks)

Describe any activities in which you have participated that benefited your community.
(150 to 300 words)

Checklist to be completed by applicant:

- Verification of current enrollment by school official
- Two confidential recommendations
- Completed application materials, typed and in English
- Applicant's Signature
- All Essay questions meet the guidelines of 150-300 words

Please return this form by 9th October 2009

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Maroochydore BC QLD 4558**

Recommendation for *FESTURI* Bursary

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Applicant:

Last (Family) Name

First

Middle

Recommendation from:

Name (please print)

Position/Title

Recommendation for Applicant for the 2009 *FESTURI* Bursary

The applicant above has applied for the *FESTURI* Bursary. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments, motivation, potential for success at tertiary studies. **This recommendation must be mailed directly to the address above.**

Date

Signature

Verification of Current Enrolment
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Name of School

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in
(name)

_____ at _____
(grade level) (name of school)

(school address)

Date

Signature of School Official

(Official School Stamp)