

## SOUTH EASTERN CHANCES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*South Eastern Chances provides support for children and young people living in South East Victoria, to obtain educational, cultural and social opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to them due to a lack of financial and/or broader supports.*

### PLEASE READ THIS FIRST!

South Eastern Chances is a scholarship program specifically targeted at young people that can provide **demonstrated evidence** of their natural ability or **demonstrated** level of success in an area. To ensure that we can fairly and adequately assess applications, you must be able to complete all sections of this form including being able to provide **demonstrated evidence** (e.g. certificates, letters of support, newspaper clippings).

**We are unable to accept applications that do not meet all of the criteria or that do not provide all off the relevant demonstrated evidence by the deadlines provided on our website.**

### GUIDELINES AND EXCLUSIONS

#### The applicant must:

- be a young person up to the age of 25;
- demonstrate low income by possessing a current health care card or be eligible to apply for one;
- have the support of a parent or guardian;
- show a **demonstrated** passion or a **demonstrated** natural ability in education attainment, sporting achievement, cultural achievement and/or community participation;
- illustrate a **demonstrated** level of success in the identified area;
- ensure that their scholarship directly contributes to the development of the identified area;
- ensure that the identified area can link to future/career goals; and
- live or reside in the following municipalities or shires:

Bayside  
Maroondah  
Casey  
Knox

Manningham  
Greater Dandenong  
Stonnington  
Kingston

Boroondara  
Cardinia  
Glen Eira  
Frankston

Whitehorse  
Yarra Ranges  
Monash  
Mornington Peninsula

**The applicant must also provide copies of:**

- Health Care Card
- One form of identification
- Certificates/letters/reports of the talent/natural ability attained
- Letters of support from the listed referees
- Documentation confirming the amount sought (tax invoices, fee schedules etc)

**Other requirements:**

- Funds must address the direct talent (e.g. tuition fees/courses/equipment purchases/text books).
- Funds sought should not form part of larger costs (i.e. only be a proportion).
- This program does not consider applications to fund tours/trips (overseas or in Australia) or provide for private school tuition.
- This program funds scholarships limited to \$1,500 - please provide receipt(s) and/or invoices(s) to justify the amount.
- The referees must not be related to the applicant.

This APPLICATION FORM asks for all details of the applicant and parent or guardian if under 16 years so that we can process your application promptly.

**Please type or print clearly.**

<b>Details of Applicant (please give us all your details so that we can process your application)</b>			
Full Name (including middle initial if applicable)			
Date of Birth		Gender	Male / Female
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Preferred Telephone (work/home/mobile)			
Email address			
Current health care card number			

**Details of Applicant's Parent/Guardian (if under 16 years old)**

Full Name (including middle initial if applicable)			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Preferred Telephone (work/home/mobile)			
Email address			

**Please provide details of two referees.**

**TIP »» We ask that you encourage your referees to provide a letter of support. We will also follow up your referees and ask them to provide further evidence of their support for you.**

**Details of Referring Professional (e.g. teacher, leader, coach)**

Name			
Agency/School			
Relationship to the applicant			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Preferred Telephone (work/home/mobile)			
Email address			

**Details of Supporting Referee (someone who knows you and can endorse your achievements. This cannot be a family member or personal acquaintance)**

Full Name (including middle initial if applicable)			
Relationship to the applicant			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Preferred Telephone (work/home/mobile)			
Email address			

**1. Tell us about your area of talent/natural ability and your demonstrated achievements so far in this area/talent...**

**TIP »» You must tell us specifically what your talent/natural ability is and provide evidence to support it. It must be something that stands out from the crowd and is something that you can show significant achievement in. Please attach separate pages(s) with any additional information to support your application.**

**2. What are your future/career goals? How will this scholarship help you achieve your future/career goals?**

**TIP »» You must make a link here from your talent/natural ability to how you will progress it in the future.**

**3. Tell us about your circumstances leading to this application...**

**TIP »» You need to give us some context to your situation and the challenges you may have faced in developing your talent/natural ability.**

**4. Tell us about your education and/or training...**

**TIP »» You need to make a link here between your education and/or training and your talent/natural ability and how a scholarship will assist you.**

**5. Please detail any other support you have applied for and/or received...**

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**Please detail the support you would like to receive from this scholarship. Please note that scholarships are limited to \$1,500 (please provide receipt(s) and/or invoices(s)).**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost \$</b>
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total =</b>	\$
» Limited to \$1,500 » Please provide receipt(s) and/or invoices(s) to justify the amount	

**Any other information you would like to share in support of your application...**

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Yes, I have a commitment to engage in the South Eastern Chances program, including through possible promotion and providing relevant updates to the Connections Fundraising Administration Officer on any changes to details and/or circumstances. I have answered all questions openly and honestly.

Applicant Agreement	
Applicant Name	
Date	
Signature	

Parent/Guardian Agreement	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Date	
Signature	

» Please attach separate pages(s) with any additional information to support your application.

### APPLICATION FORM CHECK LIST (PLEASE TICK EACH ONE)

- Yes, I have completed all relevant sections of this Application Form
- Yes, my parent/guardian and I have personally signed and dated this Application Form
- Yes, I have enclosed a photocopy of my (or parent/guardian) health care card
- Yes, I have enclosed a photocopy of my (or parent/guardian) driver licence **or** passport **or** birth certificate (only one form of identification is necessary) and I have provide evidence of my achievements in the form of certificates, letters of support, newspaper clippings.

### SEND THIS APPLICATION FORM

**Post to:** South Eastern Chances  
Connections, Fundraising Administration Officer  
PO Box 2240  
Mount Waverley Victoria 3149 Australia

**Fax to:** 03 9271 0888

**Email to:** fundraising@connections.org.au

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*For enquiries or more information contact Connections, Fundraising Administration Officer, Nirasha De Silva on 03 9271 0800 or fundraising@connections.org.au*

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This application will form the basis of deliberations and decisions for a South Eastern Chances scholarship. We expect that all questions will be answered openly and honestly. You may attach additional information if you believe it will assist the panel in their deliberations. This application is confidential and will only be viewed and discussed by people directly connected to South Eastern Chances (staff of Connections, South Eastern Chances panel.)

PRIVACY POLICY: Connections acknowledges and respects the privacy of all individuals. The agency will comply with the Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth), the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). You can ask to see our Privacy Policy. If you have any questions call 03 9271 0800 and ask to speak to the Fundraising Administration Officer of Connections.

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