



## AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Return completed applications to –

BSA Awards Panel  
 PO Box 1495  
 TRARALGON Vic 3844

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

Since its foundation year in 2007, the Blue Stockings Association (BSA) has sought to provide assistance to women within the Gippsland area to fulfill their dreams and aspirations of a higher education – whether that be University, TAFE, VET, VCAL, VCE, apprenticeship or another form of post-compulsory education. Community and industry stakeholders have generously contributed funds and support in the form of scholarships and patronages, to assist the efforts of Gippsland women pursuing study. Blue Stockings has delivered 36 awards to Gippsland women since 2007 with a total of over \$40,000 being awarded. In 2011, each award will be to the value of \$1,200.

### Instructions

- ▶ This application is for prospective **Gippsland women** to begin or continue their participation in post-compulsory education.
- ▶ To be an applicant you must be an Australian Permanent Resident or citizen.
- ▶ Applications must include a letter addressing the following two key questions:
  1. Why would the Award be beneficial to you?
  2. What would you do with the Award funds?
- ▶ The BSA Awards Panel consider the applications, and make selections, based on merit. In the past, recipients have been eligible based on the following reasons – if any of these apply to you, please outline in your letter of application:
  - ▶ Indigenous individual
  - ▶ Bushfire impact
  - ▶ Disability
  - ▶ Volunteer work
  - ▶ Mature Aged
  - ▶ Special Circumstances
- ▶ Proof of enrolment from your educational centre, i.e. photocopy of ID card or printout of study program is adequate for the application process.
- ▶ Detailed (1 to 2 pages) letter of recommendation from one of the following:
  - ▶ School Principal (encouraged to seek input from other staff where necessary)
  - ▶ Elder or Mentor (e.g. indigenous students or students with a mentor within the community)
  - ▶ Other relevant person within a community group/organization you are involved with
  - ▶ Counsellor
- ▶ **Return the completed application with supporting documentation to the above address.**

### AWARDS PROCESS TIMELINE

- ▶ Applications close on **Thursday 8th July 2010**.
- ▶ Notices of Award Panel decisions sent to applicants by 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- ▶ Awards are payable **once proof of enrolment for 2011** is received. For Secondary students, this is commencement of Term 1, 2011; for TAFE students this is semester one, 2011; for university students, this is after 31 March 2011; for students who are in the final Year of their studies, this is upon provision of proof of final course completion to the Blue Stockings Association.

### Personal Details

**Family Name:** ..... **Given Names:** .....

**Date of Birth:** .....

**Permanent Home Address** (you must reside in Gippsland):  
 ..... **Postcode:** .....

**Telephone:** Home ..... Mobile.....

**Email:** .....

**Academic Information** to be completed by all applicants, where applicable

Are you currently studying a Year 12 or Equivalent at a secondary school in 2010?

YES

NO

If yes, name of School or TAFE: .....

Address of School or TAFE: .....

**If enrolled in a University, TAFE course, or apprenticeship, please provide your course details –**

Provider Name: .....

Course Name: .....

Year level of study: .....

What mode of study are you currently partaking in:

Off Campus  On Campus  Part time  Full time  Other (specify): .....

**APPLICANT'S AUTHORISATION AND DECLARATION** to be completed by all applicants

All information I have provided in this application form and additional supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this time. I have read and understood the information provided on this application form.

Should I be offered an award, I agree to provide documentary evidence in support of my application if requested by the Blue Stockings Association Inc Awards Panel, including proof of my enrolment in either a TAFE or University degree for 2011 if requested. I also agree to consider participation in the Blue Stockings Association "Blue Wings" events where possible.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Privacy Statement**

The information on this form is collected for the primary purpose of assessing your eligibility to receive an award. Other purposes of collection include dealing with administrative matters relating to your application and corresponding with you. If you choose not to complete all the questions on this form, it may not be possible for the Blue Stockings Association Inc Awards Panel to assess your application. You have a right to access personal information that the Blue Stockings Association Inc holds about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant legislation. If you wish to seek access to your personal information or enquire about the handling of your personal information, please contact the Secretary, Sarah Lawless, sarah@bluestockings.com.au.