

BOB ISKOV KOKODA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

AIM

The scholarship will fund local Year 11 students to travel to Papua New Guinea to trek the Kokoda Track, walking in the footsteps of Australian veterans. You will have the experience of a lifetime, learn about yourself and meet like-minded young people.

This is not an academic scholarship. This opportunity is available to anyone who wants to challenge themselves, develop their leadership and personal skills and deepen their understanding of Australia's World War II history.

Eligibility and Conditions:

You are a current Year 10 student in the Wangaratta Rural City region

You will need your parent's approval and school's endorsement to participate

You will be available to trek in the school holidays of July 2024

You will require a valid passport to travel internationally

You will need to purchase your own hiking equipment and domestic flights to and from Brisbane

You are willing to become an ambassador for the program upon your return



APPLICATION

Please submit a presentation that addresses the three key selection criteria below.

Your presentation may be written or recorded e.g: an essay, a PowerPoint, a video, a poster or any other suitable method.

The presentation should address the following three parts:

Selection Criteria:

1: INTEREST IN HISTORY:

Research a family member, local veteran or event in Australian war history and compile a short description of your research.

2: PERSONAL QUALITIES:

Briefly describe what personal attributes you have, and what skills you hope to develop while trekking in a physically challenging and culturally diverse environment.

3: FUTURE GOALS:

Discuss how you could use this experience to contribute to your community or your future pathways in life.

Use your creativity and research skills. Remember, this is not an academic assignment, just an expression of your capacity, interest and connection to the subject. Keep any written applications under 3 pages, and any videos under 5 minutes.

These presentations will be used to short-list applicants, and if selected for an interview you can refer to them in conversation with the panel. The panel members may ask further questions based on your presentation.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES:

By 31st of October 2023:

Submit application form and presentation via the RSL link below

November 2023:

Applicants will attend an interview with an independent panel of representatives from the RSL and local education and business organisations

November 2023:

Successful applicants will be notified

December 2023:

6 months to prepare!

June - July 2024:

You will trek Kokoda with
<https://www.kokodatreks.com/treks/>

Submit Applicatins:

 <https://wangerattarsl.org.au/kokoda/>

Enquiries Here:

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