

Diversity and Merit Awards for Students from a Non-English Speaking Background Application Form 2010

Two awards will be made to the highest-ranking applicants:

- whose first language is not English;
- who have been resident in Australia no more than seven calendar years immediately prior to the date on which applications close to study at UWA in Semester One, 2010 (that is, they arrived in Australia on or after the 30 November 2002);
- for whom English has not been the major language of communication and / or instruction for a total period of more than seven years prior to the date on which applications close to study at UWA in Semester One, 2010 (that is, they have only started using English as their major language of communication and / or instruction on or after 30 November 2002);
- who demonstrate the educational disadvantage they have experienced as a student in Australia from a non-English speaking background; and
- commence study at UWA in 2010*.

Please refer to the 'Eligibility and Application' sheet before lodging your application.

Exemption from the criteria

If applicants do not meet the above criteria, they may still apply for the award if there are exceptional circumstances to support their application. Such circumstances are set out below. The application must include a clear description of the circumstances, and must be endorsed by the applicant's school principal (or other relevant educational authority).

It is possible that exemption from the criteria will be granted to an applicant:

- (a) who was born outside Australia and had little or no formal education prior to arriving in Australia;
- (b) who was born outside Australia and has had a disrupted formal education; or
- (c) who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or from Cocos Island or Christmas Island, for whom standard Australian English has been the medium of instruction, but for whom standard Australian English is a second language/dialect, and whose exposure to standard Australian English is limited to the school context because of geographical isolation.

Applicants who wish to be granted exemption from the criteria need to write a personal statement requesting the exemption, and also provide a statement from their school principal (or relevant educational authority) endorsing their application. These documents and any other supporting documentation should be attached to this application form and clearly labelled.

PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Family Name

Given Names

2. Male Female

3. Date of Birth

4. Term Address

..... Postcode.....

Phone..... Mobile..... Fax.....

Email.....

5. Permanent Home Address

.....Postcode.....

Phone..... Fax

Email.....

6. Emergency Contact Person
Phone..... Fax
Email.....

7. (a) Name of school last attended
(b) Last year of enrolment.....

8. TISC/CURRICULUM COUNCIL NUMBER (if applicable).....

9. (a) Do you have **a language other than English** as your first language? YES NO
(b) What is your first language?

10. (a) Are you an Australian citizen? YES NO

(b) If not, have you been granted permanent residence? YES NO

(c) On which date did you arrive in Australia as a resident? ____/____/____
Day Month Year

11. What was your **first** language of major communication?

12. For how long has English been your major language of communication and / or instruction (schooling)?

Since: ____/____/____
Day Month Year

13. Please briefly describe the reason for your change to English as your major language (eg. moving to an English-speaking country, attending an English-speaking school).

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14. How has your educational background in a language other than English affected your progress through years 10, 11 and 12 (or through your previous tertiary study for non-school leaver applicants)? *If you require more space to answer this question please attach any extra paper to this form.*

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15. What support have you received to assist you in your studies since your arrival in Australia?

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DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

To be eligible for this Award you must supply appropriate documentary evidence to support your response to questions 9 – 15. This should include a certified photocopy of the relevant page in your passport as evidence of your arrival date as a resident in Australia, and may also include reports from your school showing that you have been instructed (schooled) in a language other than English.

Supporting document/s attached? YES NO

Declaration

I declare that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that my award may be cancelled if it is proven that I was offered the award based on false or misleading evidence.

Applicant's signature..... **Date**

In the event I am awarded a Diversity and Merit Award (please tick appropriate box):
I **agree** to the University publishing my name as a recipient of a UWA award in 2010
I **do not agree** to the University publishing my name as a recipient of a UWA award in 2010
Signature.....Parent/Guardian Signature
Date.....Date.....
Please note that the description of the award you receive will not be detailed in any publication.

CONFIDENTIALITY
UWA will ensure that any and all information provided is maintained in a manner in keeping with standards of professional conduct and in strict confidence. Relevant details may be discussed by the University's Student Services practitioners to assess eligibility for an award and will not be released outside of the relevant administrative area without your prior written consent. Information is only disclosed without consent when there is a clear danger to the applicant or others, or there is a legal obligation to do so by court subpoena, search warrant or legislated requirement.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 30 October 2009

This completed form should be posted to:
The Prospective Students Officer
M353
The University of Western Australia
35 Stirling Highway
Crawley WA 6009

* Awardees who wish to defer their enrolment at UWA will be awarded their Diversity and Merit Award the following year when their enrolment is confirmed.