

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

Eligibility

About Cameron Baird VC MG

Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG was born in Burnie and joined the Army in January 2000. He was posted to the then 4th Battalion (Commando), Royal Australian Regiment, now the 2nd Commando Regiment.

Corporal Baird was awarded Australia's 100th Victoria Cross for the most conspicuous acts of valour, extreme devotion to duty and ultimate self-sacrifice during fighting in Afghanistan on 22 June 2013, while serving as a Commando Team Commander in the Special Operations Task Group.

Corporal Baird's actions reflected his personal motto: 'Aspire to Inspire'.

He was recognised as an inspiring leader within 2nd Commando Regiment and demonstrated the values of courage, leadership, initiative, compassion and service to others.

The Scholarship

Up to two Scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to support the recipients' further education.

The Scholarships will be awarded in 2026, in time for the start of the 2027 school year.

TOPIC '***Aspire to Inspire***'

Applicants are required to respond to **one** of the following questions:

- 1.How do Corporal Baird's leadership, acts of valour, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice reflect the finest traditions of Australia's military and peacekeeping history? **OR**
- 2.What does Corporal Baird's personal motto of '***Aspire to Inspire***' mean to you?

Entry format

Entries may be provided in one of four formats:

- Written response (essay, poetry or reflection), maximum 2,000 words
- Audio presentation (spoken and/or music), 10 to 15 minutes
- Video presentation, 10 to 15 minutes
- Digital presentation, 10 to 15 minutes

Applicants must also provide up to 250 words explaining how they would use the Scholarship prize of \$2,500 to further their education.

Scholarship eligibility

The Scholarship is open to students intending to enrol in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2027 at any Tasmanian school, including students undertaking home education at the equivalent year level.

Students may only receive one Scholarship.

Assessment criteria: applied equally

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

The three assessment criteria are weighted equally.

- **Criterion 1: Response to the topic**
 - alignment with and applied understanding of the topic
 - quality of presentation
 - creativity and originality
- **Criterion 2: Referencing and academic integrity**
 - credible referencing
 - thoughtful reflection on the use of generative AI, where applicable
- **Criterion 3: Benefit to the applicant**
 - how the Scholarship would support the applicant's further education.

Originality, referencing and use of generative AI

In line with the Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) *Academic Integrity Guide for Students*, your work must be your own. Information, images, ideas or other material drawn from another source must be correctly referenced and acknowledged.

For a guide to referencing, visit the [National History Challenge](#) website.

Expectations for using generative AI in this Scholarship application:

- All work submitted must reflect the student's own ideas and authentic voice.
- Generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT, Grammarly, image generators or video generators, may be used to support the creative process. This may include brainstorming ideas, checking grammar or summarising background material.
- If you use generative AI, you must tell us how you used it and briefly reflect on what you learnt from the process.
- Generative AI must not be used to produce the majority of the content or creative work submitted as your application.
- Assessors will consider the student's own ideas, perspective and reflection when assessing applications.

Consent

Students aged 16 years or over may provide their own consent to submit an application. For students under 16 years of age, consent must be provided by a parent or recognised carer.

Payment of 2027 Scholarship

Each Scholarship will be paid in one instalment of \$2,500 by mid-December 2026.

Administration of the Scholarship

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

The Scholarship is administered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, with support from the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Privacy Notice

Privacy notice

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) will collect and manage personal information provided through this application in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*.

DPAC will use the information you provide to administer and assess applications for the Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship.

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that:

- your information may be shared with people involved in administering, assessing and selecting recipients for the Scholarship
- if you are successful, information about your Scholarship, including your name, the Scholarship amount and other relevant details, may be made public
- your application and supporting documents will be retained and managed in accordance with the *Archives Act 1983*
- information held by DPAC may be subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

For more information about how DPAC manages personal information, see the Department of Premier and Cabinet's [Personal Information Protection Policy](#).

Student Details

Student Name *

First Name

Last Name

Student age at the time of application: *

Name of school *

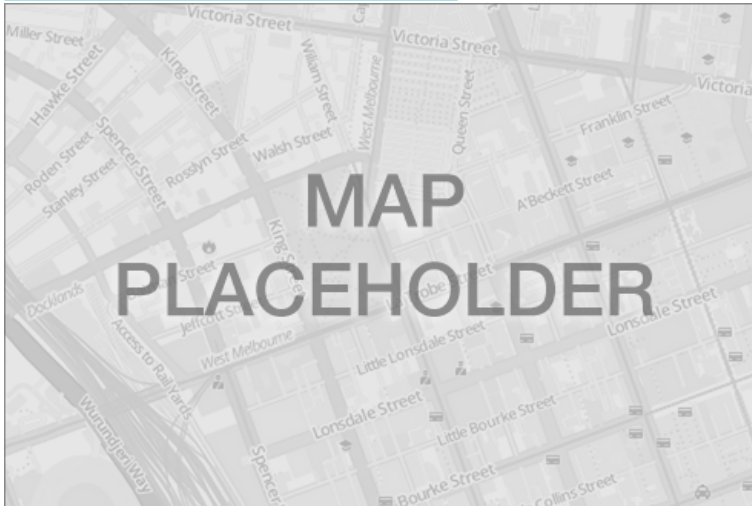
Current School Year Level *

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

Home Address *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

Best Contact Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Best Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Application

* indicates a required field

TOPIC 'Aspire to Inspire'

Applicants must respond to one of the following questions:

Question 1: How does Corporal Baird's leadership, acts of valour, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice reflect the finest traditions of Australia's military and peacekeeping history?

OR

Question 2: What does Corporal Baird's personal motto, '*Aspire to Inspire*', mean to you?

Each applicant must also provide a supporting statement of up to 250 words explaining how they would use the \$2,500 Scholarship to further their education.

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

The question that you will address in this application is: *

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Entries may be provided in one of four formats

1. Written (essay, poetry or reflection) - maximum 2,000 words
2. Audio presentation (spoken and/or music) - 10-15 minutes
3. Video presentation - 10-15 minutes
4. Digital presentation - 10-15 minutes

What is your preferred entry format? *

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Written (essay, poetry or reflection)

Answer to Question Above: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 2000 words.

Audio Presentation (spoken and/or music)

Please submit an audio presentation of **10 to 15 minutes**, together with a supporting statement of up to **250 words**.

You can either attach your audio file to this application or upload it to a platform such as YouTube, Google Drive or Dropbox and provide a link.

If you provide a link, please make sure assessors have permission to access and view the file.

The Tasmanian Government does **not** accept TikTok links for Scholarship applications.

Upload your audio file(s) here:

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb.

URL link to audio presentation:

Must be a URL.

Video Presentation

Please submit a video presentation of 10 to 15 minutes, together with a supporting statement of up to 250 words.

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

You can either attach your video file to this application or upload it to a platform such as YouTube, Google Drive or Dropbox and provide a link.

If you provide a link, please make sure assessors have permission to access and view the file.

The Tasmanian Government does not accept TikTok links for Scholarship applications.

Upload your video file(s) here:

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb.

URL link to video presentation

Must be a URL.

Digital Presentation

Please submit a digital presentation of **10 to 15 minutes**, together with a supporting statement of up to **250 words**.

You can either attach your digital presentation file to this application or upload it to a platform such as YouTube, Google Drive or Dropbox and provide a link.

If you provide a link, please make sure assessors have permission to access and view the file.

The Tasmanian Government does **not** accept TikTok links for Scholarship applications.

Upload your video file(s) here:

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb.

URL link to digital presentation

Must be a URL.

General and AI Referencing and Reflections

For guidance on referencing, visit the [National History Challenge website](#).

Generative AI refers to tools that can create new content, including text, images, audio or video, in response to prompts or other inputs.

Examples include ChatGPT, Grammarly and image or video generation tools.

Please provide any general and AI referencing, including any learnings from how AI use was applied in your application: *

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

Word count:
Must be at least 50 words.

Applicants must also explain how they would use the scholarship prize of \$2,500 to further their education.

Answer: *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Scholarship Amount

Total Scholarship Prize

\$2500

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Student Declaration

1. I **declare** that this entry is my original work and that all sources have been properly acknowledged.
2. I **confirm** that my application complies with the requirements of the **Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship**.
3. I **understand** that applications will be assessed by a selection panel against the published assessment criteria, with recommendations made to the Department of Premier and Cabinet for approval.
4. I **understand** that, if successful, I will be required to enter into an agreement with the Tasmanian Government about how the Scholarship funds are used and reported.
5. I **understand** that, if successful, I may be contacted to seek consent for the use of my name and image for media or publicity purposes.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Student Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Parent/ Carer Declaration

Required if the student is under 16 years of age

Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship 2027 Application Form

Form Preview

I give permission for the applicant in my care to apply for the **Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship**.

- 1.I **declare** that this entry is the applicant's original work and that all sources have been properly acknowledged.
- 2.I **confirm** that the application complies with the requirements of the **Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship**.
- 3.I **understand** that applications will be assessed by a selection panel against the published assessment criteria, with recommendations made to the Department of Premier and Cabinet for approval.
- 4.I **understand** that, if successful, the applicant will be required to enter into an agreement with the Tasmanian Government about how the Scholarship funds are used and reported.
- 5.I **understand** that, if successful, the applicant may be contacted to seek consent for the use of their name and image for media or publicity purposes.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Relationships to Applicant *

Best Contact Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Date *

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the online application process:

☐ Very Easy

☐ Easy

☐ Neutral

☐ Difficult

☐ Very Difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application? *

Must be a number.

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

