



Humanitarian and Philanthropic Endeavour (HOPE) program

Overview

The HOPE program was established by the OGA Committee in 2009 to provide financial assistance to former students and OGA members involved with philanthropic work. The aim is to support OGA members and alumni from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, who are endeavouring to achieve something extraordinary, help others or generally benefit mankind.

Eligibility

- Members can seek financial support on their own behalf or someone else's behalf.
- Funding is available for the activities of a charity or not-for-profit organisation, performed by OGA members or former students; **or** for OGA members who have established their own charity or not-for-profit organisation.
- DGR status is preferable but not a prerequisite.

Criteria

- Applicants must be OGA members or applications can be submitted on behalf of an OGA member.
- Funding is available for current charitable projects or proposed projects for a charity or not-for-profit organisation.
- Funding can be used for delivering programs or services; hosting an event; marketing, branding or promotions of a specific project or event; purchasing equipment to assist in the delivery of a specific project or event; undertaking research studies or investigations; or resourcing for the delivery of a project.
- Priority will be given to projects which have not previously received funding.
- Applications are considered on their merits and include:
 - The project's contribution to the community including
 - Evidence of community needs
 - Predicted benefits for the community
 - How the project aligns with the School values and the six pillars of Round Square: Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service
 - How the project will be delivered
 - How the project success will be measured
 - The level of contribution from the applicant, not-for-profit organisation and/or other funding bodies
 - The expected timeframe for the delivery of the project or the dates of the proposed event

The Committee may seek external, expert advice to assist with making decisions regarding nominated projects.

What is not eligible?

- Funding does not cover retrospective projects.
- Funding does not cover administrative costs.
- Funding does not include travel costs to deliver a project or to attend an event.





Available funding

The funds available for distribution are in accordance with the Committee's current Investment Strategy, which allocates up to 25 per cent of the annual membership fees. For more information on the amount of available funding for the current financial year, contact the OGA Secretary.

Application process

- All requests for funding must be submitted using the HOPE application form (online or paper copy).
- Applications should be submitted by 30 April, of each financial year, for review at the May OGA Committee meeting.
- A letter of support from a referee must be submitted to demonstrate the veracity of the project.
- Applicants will receive email confirmation of their application.
- Submissions will be considered at a Committee meeting where a full quorum and a majority vote are required to enable the nominated project to be supported. If there is a tied vote, the President or person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberate vote.
- Applicants will be notified if their submission for funding was successful by end of June in the year of application.

Reporting requirements

- HOPE recipients will be required to provide written feedback indicating how the money was used.
- A written summary or report is required within three (3) months of the project completion, event or expenditure of funds.
- Any material, including the report and photos may be used by the OGA to promote the HOPE program.

Key dates

Applications open

Applications open 1 July of the financial year

Applications close

5.00pm on 30 April of the financial year

Review of submissions

At May Committee meeting each year. Applicants may be contacted to provide further information following consideration

Announcement of successful recipients

July each year, via the OGA website

Reporting Requirements

A written summary or report is required no more than three (3) months following the completion of the project, event or expenditure of the funds.

How to apply for funding

Applicants need to complete the application form below (online or paper copy) with a reference letter and email to oga@bcgs.wa.edu.au or post to PO Box 1198, Bunbury, WA 6230.

For more information

Contact the OGA Secretary on (08) 9722 6000 or oga@bcgs.wa.edu.au if you need additional information about HOPE or the application process.

