

SHIRLEY MCKERROW SCHOLARSHIP

There is growing recognition of the untapped capacity and talents of women and women's leadership in the political sphere, and The Shirley McKerrow Scholarship is offered biannually by the Women's Federal Council of the Nationals with the aim of helping female members of National Party (and affiliated parties federally) further their journey to become strong political and community leaders. It includes \$3,000 payable to the winner to cover the cost of travel and accommodation to facilitate a period of unpaid work experience in the office of a Member of Parliament, either State or Federal.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be on the Australian Electoral Roll and be current Australian citizens.
2. Applications for the scholarship is restricted to females who currently hold a minimum of a two-year membership to one of the following political parties:
 - a. The National Party of Australia (NSW, SA, VIC, WA, TAS, ACT)
 - b. Liberal National Party (QLD residents)
 - c. Country Liberal Party (NT residents)
3. Applicants must not be either an already pre-selected candidate for upcoming elections (whether federal, state or local) or a currently employed staff member of an elected Member of a federal, state parliament or local parliament.
4. Applicants need to submit evidence of volunteering within their Party including election volunteering in any capacity.
5. Applicants require 3 referees; one of these MUST be from a sitting member of Federal or State Parliament. Family members are ineligible to be referees.



Shirley McKerrow

Shirley Margaret McKerrow (b.1933), a businesswoman, joined the Country (later National Country then National) Party of Australia in 1968. She considers this party's policies the most relevant to her anti-socialism and concerns for the needs of individuals and small business. In 1981 she was elected federal president, becoming the first woman to head a major Australian political party organisation. -Courtesy Australian Dictionary of Biography

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PARTY AFFILIATION: _____

PARTY ROLES HELD: _____

CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE: (max 200 words)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AND ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE: (max 200 words)

CAREER AIMS: (max 200 words)

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE: (max 500 words)

Judging:

1. All applications will be assessed by the Shirley McKerrow Scholarship Committee at its discretion judged and approved.
2. All applicants will undergo a 15-minute interview either in person or via electronic means.
3. The Scholarship Committee will be made up of the Federal Women's Council President, one elected member from the Women's Council, and one member of the Federal Directorate. The Scholarship Committee's decision shall be final with no further correspondence entered into.
4. The winner will be announced at the general mid-year meeting (4th October 2019).

Terms and Conditions:

1. The total scholarship is \$3,000 payable on receipts of travel and accommodation.
2. The scholarship is conditional to the Women's Federal Council determining that the financial standing of the Women's Federal Council would not be compromised.
3. The successful applicant consents to the use of their name and image by the Women's Federal Council in connection with the scholarship, including on the Women's Federal Council website and in public announcements.
4. Applicants must use the work experience within 12 months of obtaining the award.
5. Applicants will be required to give a verbal and written presentation after work experience.

On the Application form, be sure to use the wording:

1. Applications will be accepted no later than 11:59pm 15th August 2019
2. Applications should be addressed, and preferably emailed with relevant attachments, to:
Dr. Theresa Craig at tmcraig@tara-source.com

