



BURSARY AND ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS 2026

Originally sponsored by the RAAFA Foundation between 2009 and 2021, Air Force Association – Victoria is proud to support an annual Educational Bursary for eligible dependants.

Closing date for applications – Friday 23 January 2026

Administered by the Vietnam Veterans Branch of AFA Victoria, the Educational Bursary (and Encouragement Awards) represent another facet of the assistance both Associations are delivering to former and serving RAAF members and their families.

'The John 'Snow' Coughlan CGM Encouragement Award' and 'The Lee and Ellen Scully Encouragement Award'.

These two awards, named in honour of highly esteemed past members, will provide an amount of \$500 to applicants deemed most worthy of such assistance.

Eligibility Criteria

Bursaries and Encouragement Awards are open to:

- A child, adopted child or grandchild (who normally resides in Victoria) of a person with operational service; or 3+ years continuous full-time service with the Royal Australian Air Force (a stepchild or foster child is eligible, if they have resided with, or been financially supported by, a veteran step parent/foster parent for 5 of the last 10 years).
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to the veteran's service exist.
- Enrolled in (or planning to enrol in) an activity or representation associated with any recognised educational or training course.

Applicants may apply separately or be nominated by a member of Air Force Association - Victoria.

Previous bursary and encouragement award winners are permitted to reapply.

Application Submission and Evaluation

Please complete the Application Form on the following page. When completing your Application Form, please include the educational/training course being undertaken (or planning to undertake).

Applications should be forwarded to the President, Vietnam Veterans Branch, AFA Victoria, by the 2nd last Friday in January of each year.

The Vietnam Veterans Branch Committee will assess all applications/nominations on merit and the need for financial assistance.

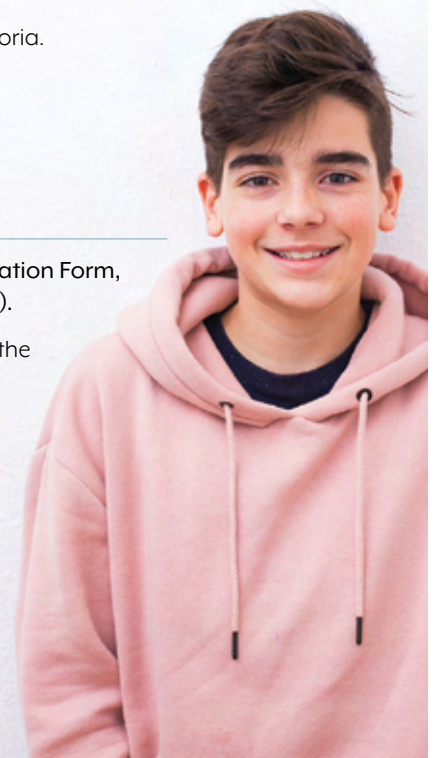
The President of the Vietnam Veterans Branch of AFA (Vic) will advise the successful applicant(s) during the first week of February, and invite them to the Branch AGM in mid-February for their award presentation.

Further information: Chris Hudnott - ruth.chris@bigpond.com or 0438 331 215.

Send your application to: Chris Hudnott, President Vietnam Veterans Branch, AFA Victoria

Email: ruth.chris@bigpond.com

Post: 1 Burnside Ave, Canterbury VIC 3126.





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PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: Surname:

Date of birth: / /

ADDRESS

Street:

City:

State: Postcode:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Telephone: Mobile:

ELIGIBILITY

Provide details (including anticipated costs) of the educational or training course, associated activity or representation being undertaken or planned, for which the bursary or award is to be applied.

If there is insufficient space please attach additional page(s).

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ASSESSMENT

Please attached a brief submission (no more than one A4 page) in support of your application: *"Why I am a suitable candidate to receive an AFA Victoria Bursary or Encouragement Award."*

SUPPORTING VETERAN'S DETAILS

First Name: Surname:

Details of Service:

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Relationship to Veteran:

Send your application to

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