

Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc.

Ann Horrocks STEM Annual Scholarship

The Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc., a member of Zonta International, is a human rights organization, dedicated to building a better world for women and girls. www.zonta.org

To create a world where everyone has an equal opportunity, women must have an active role in technology and science developments.

To encourage a local girl to pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc will award one merit-based competitive scholarship of \$750.00 to a young woman who meets the criteria and demonstrates an ambition to pursue study in STEM areas at a tertiary level.

The scholarship has been named after our member Ann Horrocks, in recognition of her contribution to Zonta at all levels: International, District and Club. It also acknowledges Ann's commitment to women and children through service and advocacy. A short biography is attached.

The STEM awardee will be a female student who has completed year 12 or a TAFE entry requirement, in the last five years and who has enrolled in tertiary education in one of the above fields. See the following local detailed criteria in addition to the Zonta International criteria on the application form.

Based on the scholarship winner's first year results, the scholarship may be awarded for a second year provided enrolment is continued in STEM subjects. In the second year, the winner of this STEM Scholarship may be submitted for district evaluation, conditional on an updated ZI application form and current faculty referees. If successful at District level, the entry will be submitted to Zonta International for judging at the international level.

The Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship application form is available on the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc. web site www.zontabendigo.org. or through your school or university.

If you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact member:

Ember Chittenden, on 0402 478 728 or

Email: e.chittenden@latrobe.edu.au

Those students enrolled in purely health related sciences will not be eligible to receive this scholarship.

Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship General Information

Eligibility Criteria:

The following and the additional clauses as detailed in the application form apply.

- Applications can be submitted by female students who have completed Year 12 in the last 5 years at a secondary school in the Loddon Mallee Region provided that the school is not located within 20 km of another Zonta Club.

OR

- Completed a university entry level STEM course at TAFE
- The applicant must have been accepted into a course offering further education in the area of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (not health related)

Applicants must be:

- an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia
- have an active commitment to volunteerism with a focus on supporting women and children
- have knowledge of the programs of Zonta at International and the local level.

Application Requirements

- Completion of the official Application Form available on the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc. webpage: www.zontabendigo.org
- Submission of a copy of your Year 12 academic record
- Two (2) References in support of your application and
- Verification of current enrollment at a University in Australia in a STEM related field.

Application Process

Applications must be received by Friday 23rd February 2024. References may be emailed separately if preferred, however they must be received no later than the above closing date.

All applications are to be submitted electronically by the deadline to:

- Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc
Email: zontabendigo@gmail.com

Evaluation Process

A panel will consider all applications, assessing them against the eligibility criteria and their detailed response to the Professional Information and Goals section.

At least 3 candidates will be shortlisted for final evaluation. This may include an interview.

Results will be announced by the Zonta Club of Bendigo at the International Women's Day Dinner to be held at All Seasons Conservatory on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

Biography Ann Horrocks

Member Zonta Club of Bendigo 1988 to current

Ann completed Year 12 at Presentation Convent Windsor in 1959. Rather than take up teaching or nursing, which was the norm for girls at that time, and with the support of her family, particularly her mother, she pursued studies in Applied Chemistry at RMIT. This course was undertaken by those wishing to work in industry rather than following an academic or teaching career. Ann graduated after 6 years of night school, while working full time in the Research Laboratories at Kraft Foods. During these years, as well as being part of a team developing new products, she set up a new testing laboratory in Tasmania.

Ann moved to Bendigo and enjoyed the next 16 years at home with her growing family. To help support their boys with their sporting ambitions and university studies, Ann began work at the Ordnance Factory Bendigo, initially in the office as a clerk. She started a Graduate Diploma in Electronic Computing but before completing this course, was appointed as the Facility Chemist - a new field for her with the work involved being all metals based. With great support from the laboratory personnel and after several years, Ann was appointed the Metallurgical Laboratory Manager.

While Laboratories Manager, Ann also held many other roles, including Environmental Manager, Project Manager, and a term as the OH&S Manager. Ann continued studies in these fields and qualified as an auditor. After achieving NATA (National Australian Testing Authority) registration for the Bendigo laboratories, Ann was appointed as an assessor of other testing laboratories throughout Australia. During this time, she was a member of many Professional Scientific Organizations.

While continuing with laboratory responsibilities, Ann was appointed as a Project Manager for several Defense projects including the US Army program for the High Mobility Engineer Excavator, a vehicle that could travel on the highway at speeds of 100kph. Ann assisted in a small way, during the development of the Bushmaster.

After 25 years at ADI (now Thales), Ann retired in 2006 and was able to devote more time to her Zonta club which she had joined in 1988. Zonta is an international human rights organization supporting women and children both locally and internationally through service, advocacy and education. It also provided the opportunity to meet like-minded women. Ann has held all positions at club level including President from 1996-98 and followed by 2 years as the Area 4 Director. Ann was elected club president for a second biennium in 2018-20.

Ann held the position of District 23 Secretary for 4 years and during this time assisted with the introduction of electronic voting at two Zonta International Conventions in 2006 and 2008. In 2012 in Torino Italy, Ann was installed as the elected District 23 Governor being responsible for Zonta membership in WA, SA, NT, Vic and Tasmania, a position she held for 2 years.

At international level Ann has been the elected vice-chairman of the Zonta International (ZI) Nominating Committee, a member of the ZI Foundation Development Committee and has served 4 years on the ZI Service Committee. She was also a Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Regional Representative. As District 23 Parliamentarian from 2016-2022, and a previous Nominating Committee Chairman she has been very involved in all levels of Zonta. At various times Ann has been a member of all club committees.

Outside of Zonta, over the years Ann has been involved with many community organizations in Bendigo and is currently a member of the Friends of the Bendigo Art Gallery of which she was treasurer for many years. With family having moved away from Bendigo, there are many reasons to travel and spend time with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ann feels quite humbled by the honor bestowed upon her with the naming of this scholarship, but at the same time is very proud to be acknowledged in this way and to continue her membership and support of the Zonta Club of Bendigo. Ann thanks all members, past and present, for the support she has received along her Zonta journey.

Ann looks forward to continuing to support Zonta at all levels for many years to come.