

# Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc.

**Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship**

### 2022 Application Form

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The Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc. is a member of Zonta International, a worldwide human rights organization dedicated to empowering women through service and advocacy. www.zonta.org

To create a world in which women and men have equal opportunities, women need to 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.

The scholarship has been named after our member Ann Horrocks, in recognition of her contribution to Zonta at International, District and Club levels. It also acknowledges her commitment to women and children through Service and Advocacy. A short bio is attached.

The awardee will be a female student who has completed year 12 in the last five years and who has enrolled in tertiary education in one of the above fields. See detailed criteria on the application form.

Based on the results of the scholarship winner’s first year of study, the scholarship may be awarded for a second year provided enrolment is continued in STEM subjects.

The Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship application form is available on the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc. web site [www.zontabendigo.org.](http://www.zontabendigo.org/) or through your school.

If you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact Rosalind Deacon, Service and Advocacy Committee Chairman on 0409 978 127 or

Email: [rrdeacon@bigpond.com](mailto:rrdeacon@bigpond.com)

***Those students enrolled in purely health related sciences will not be eligible***

***to receive this scholarship***.

**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 studied by those wishing to work in industry rather than following an academic 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 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 with the development of the Bushmaster. Ann retired from ADI (now Thales) in 2006 and was able to devote more time to Zonta, which she had joined in 1988 not only to support women and children but also to meet like-minded women. She has held all positions at club level including President from 1996-98 followed by 2 years as the Area 4 Director.

Ann then held the position of District 23 Secretary for 4 years and during this time assisted with the introduction of electronic voting at 2 International Conventions. 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. Ann was appointed president again for the 2018-2020 biennium.

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 is a Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign Representative. As District 23 Parliamentarian 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 treasurer of the Friends of the Bendigo Art Gallery. 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 a member of the Zonta Club of Bendigo. Ann thanks all members, past and present for the support she has received along her Zonta journey.

She looks forward to continuing to support our Zonta Club, the District and International programs for many years to come.

**Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship General Information**

**Eligibility Criteria:** the following applies.

* Applications can be submitted by female students who have completed Year 12 in the last 5 years at a secondary school located within 80 kms of Bendigo provided that the school is not located in the vicinity 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 applied 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 local level.

**Application Requirements**

* + Completion of the official Application Form available on the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc. webpage: [www.zontabendigo.org](http://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 Wednesday 16th February 2022. 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**:

* Rosalind Deacon, Service and Advocacy Committee Chairman

Email: **rrdeacon@bigpond.com**

**Evaluation Process**

A panel will consider all applications assessing them against the eligibility criteria. 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 in March and the award will be presented at a Gala Event to be held later in 2022.

**Application for Ann Horrocks STEM Scholarship**

**Send application and direct any questions** to Rosalind Deacon email rrdeacon@bigpond.com

**Applications close on Wednesday 16th February 2022**

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| Family Name | |  | |
| Postal Address | |  | |
| Residential Address | |  | |
| Telephone Number | |  | |
| Student Email Address | |  | |
| Personal Email Address | |  | |
| Are you an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia? | |  Australian Citizen   Permanent Resident of Australia | |
| **Your Referees** | | | |
| |  | | --- | | In the space below, please provide contact details of **two** people who have agreed to act as your referees and who have direct knowledge of your academic abilities, prospects and/or character.  You must include signed **letters of recommendation from each referee.** Please attach these to your application form or ask the referee to email the reference to:  Rosalind Deacon [rrdeacon@bigpond.com](mailto:rrdeacon@bigpond.com) by the closing date of applications.  **Referee 1** **Referee 2** | | | | |
| Name |  | Name |  |
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| Personal Goals |
| ***Describe your enrolled course of study.*** |

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| |  | | --- | | **Provide answers to the following questions to enable us to get a better understanding of how this award can assist you to reach your study and life goals.** | | *Who or what inspired you to pursue a STEM course of study? (100 words max)* | | *What is your career goal? (100 words max)* | | ***What are some of the challenges that you face in undertaking your course?***  *(50 words max)* | | ***How do you see Applied Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics affecting peoples’ lives now and into the future?*** *(100 words max)* | | ***List all community and volunteer activities both current and in recent times in which you have been involved.*** |  |  | | --- | | **Your submission checklist - have you:** | | **Completed the required information on the above form?**   * Attached the signed referee letters from each of your two referees? * If not attached have the referees been asked to send them directly by the closing date? * Provided any other information that you would like the Selection Committee to know about including awards, commendations, etc.? * Should you be successful in obtaining this scholarship by signing the application you agree to the publication of your name as a recipient of this award.  **DECLARATION BY APPLICANT** I certify that all the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I did not receive assistance in completing the response to questions in this application. I understand that, at the option of the Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc., I may be interviewed as a candidate for this Scholarship. I consent to the electronic or hard copy publication by Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc., of material in my application including any subsequent photo, which may be used to promote the Scholarship.  **Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **When completed please scan any relevant materials to support your application and email to Rosalind Deacon at rrdeacon@bigpond.com**  Applications close and submission deadline is 5:00 p.m **Wednesday 16th February 2022** | |