

## GOULBURN VALLEY WATER “MIJO DARVENIZA” ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

#### NAME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is called the “Mijo Darveniza Engineering Scholarship”

#### NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

There will be one scholarship awarded on an annual basis.

#### AIM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The aim of the scholarship is to:-

- Promote the water industry to tertiary level students; and
- Support a full time student from the Goulburn Valley Region.

#### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must comply with all of the following requirements:-

- Parental home address within the Goulburn Valley Region;
- Applicants must be attempting their first tertiary education qualification;
- Enrolled as a full time student in a tertiary level engineering or water related course at a Victorian University. Typical courses include Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering etc.; and
- Completed the first two years of study of the course (2<sup>nd</sup> year still to be completed at the time of application).

Applicants who have completed their secondary schooling within the Goulburn Valley region will be given preference.

#### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The scholarship will be awarded for at least a 2 year period and consist of the following components:-

- Christmas vacation employment with the Corporation as an Engineering Cadet at the end of their second, third and fourth (if studying a double degree) years of study; and
- An annual cash award of an amount to be set by the Board of Goulburn Valley Water, and to be reviewed annually. Award to be paid in 2 equal amounts in each Semester of each year, in the Student’s 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (if studying a double degree) year of study, following confirmation of re-enrolment. The annual amount has been set at \$3,500.

#### CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applicants will be the last Friday in September each year.

## INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED

Applicants will need to supply the following as part of their application:-

- Completed Application Form;
- Details of the course of study and grades achieved to date. Copies of academic records to date will be required;
- Parental home address and name of Secondary School where Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or equivalent was undertaken;
- A written essay (maximum 1,000 words) "The balance of water needs between the Community and the Environment"; and
- Provision of two character references / referees.

## CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The following conditions apply to the Scholarship:-

- As highlighted above, the has a desire to be employed within the water industry after graduation;
- The student continues to obtain satisfactory grades in all subjects studied. Students are required to submit copies of their results for their second and third years of study to the Corporation for review;
- Students stay enrolled in the same course after being awarded the scholarship;
- Continue to study on a full time basis apart from vacation periods;
- Submit a copy of their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year results at the end of each semester;
- If the holder of the scholarship does not take up an offer of vacation placement with Goulburn Valley Water the scholarship may be terminated; and
- Student actively promotes the scholarship within their university.

Failure to comply with the above will be grounds for cancelling of the scholarship.

## EMPLOYMENT

### *After Graduation*

Goulburn Valley Water may offer the successful student a full-time engineering position within the Corporation after Graduation, dependant upon performance.

The position will be primarily working within one of the Technical Services departments located in Shepparton but may also include periods of time working at other locations within the Corporation's region.

If the student accepts this offer, Goulburn Valley Water may increase the scholarship payments made during the final year of study

### ***Vacation employment***

Vacation employment will be made available from the beginning of December to the end of February (approximately 12 weeks) each year until the completion of studies.

The salary offered will be in accordance with Engineers Australia Guidelines and consist of the following:-

Student who has completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of study	60% of Graduate Engineer Salary
Student who has completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of study	70% of Graduate Engineer Salary

Current Graduate Engineers salaries (2007) are in the order of \$42,250 per annum.

### **SELECTION OF APPLICANTS**

All applications will be considered by a committee appointed by Goulburn Valley Water. The committee may consist of the following:-

- One Board Director or person appointed by the Board;
- General Manager of Technical Services;
- Manager Strategic Operations;
- Manager Development; and
- Chair – Local Chapter, Engineers Australia.

Short listed applicants will be required to undertake an interview. All interviews will be held in Shepparton at a mutually agreed time.

Applicants will be assessed on a number of criteria. Whilst academic achievement will be considered, it will not form the only basis of assessment. Criteria to be assessed will include, but not limited to:-

- Desire to work in the water industry;
- Awareness of the water industry and current issues (as per their written submission);
- Academic record;
- Previous community involvement; and
- Other criteria set by the selection committee.

The committee shall also review the performance and progress of scholarship holders, including providing the student feedback. The review shall take place in January each year.