

# 2023 School Counsellor Sponsorship Application Form

Department serial number:

Title:    First name:                      Middle name:                      Last name:

Date of birth:

Residential house number and street:                      Suburb:                      State:                      Postcode:

Department email address: (Communication will only be sent via this email address)                      Contact number:

Confirm department email address:

Are you an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander\*:

*\*A person of Aboriginal descent or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as such and is accepted as such by the community in which they live.*

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

I am an approved:

Infants/Primary school teacher

Secondary school teacher

School leader/Executive

Current engagement with the NSW Department of Education:

Permanent full-time

Temporary

Permanent part-time

Casual

I am currently working in a non-government school

Current position:

*for example: LaST, classroom teacher, assistant principal etc.*

Name of school:

School code:

The university where I will be completing or have completed my three or four year sequence of APAC approved psychology studies:

*Evidence of enrolment must be provided*

Name of qualification I am enrolled in (as appears in university communication):

I am applying for the following sponsorship pathway:

Psychology Sponsorship Program (three year sequence of psychology **won't be** completed by the end of trimester 3, 2022)

School Counsellor in Training Program, honours and masters pathway (I will have no more than two undergraduate psychology subjects to complete by trimester 3, 2022)

School Counsellor in Training Program, masters pathway (I have completed or will be completing my honours year by the end of trimester 3, 2022)

I confirm I will complete my three year sequence of APAC approved psychology studies or honours year studies by:

*For example: end of semester 2, 2022 or end of trimester 3, 2022.*

*Course requirements must be completed within the maximum one year study period for the psychology sponsorship program.*

Service Commitment Areas:

**You must be willing to accept an appointment to a NSW public school in an agreed Service Commitment Area.**

Please indicate below the locations in which you are prepared to work as a school counsellor following successful completion of the relevant sponsored studies.

**I am prepared to teach Anywhere in the State.**

**OR**

**I am prepared to teach in one or more of the following high priority areas:** (If you select from this list you may also choose to select from any of the below areas)

Albury (301)	Deniliquin (313)	Orange (328)
Armidale (302)	Dubbo (314)	Queanbeyan (333)
Bathurst (305)	Griffith (317)	Tamworth (338)
Bourke (308)	Moree (323)	Taree (339)
Broken Hill (309)	Mount Druitt (324)	Wagga Wagga (341)

**AND/OR**

**In three or more of the following priority areas:** (If you did not select an area from the above list you must select a minimum of three priority areas before selecting from the additional areas below)

Albury (301)	Dubbo (314)	Parramatta (329)
Armidale (302)	Fairfield (315)	Penrith (330)
Bankstown (303)	Granville (316)	Port Macquarie (332)
Batemans Bay (304)	Griffith (317)	Queanbeyan (333)
Bathurst (305)	Lake Macquarie (319)	Ryde (334)
Blacktown (306)	Lismore (320)	Shellharbour (335)
Bourke (308)	Liverpool (321)	Tamworth (338)
Broken Hill (309)	Maitland (322)	Taree (339)
Campbelltown (310)	Moree (323)	Wagga Wagga (341)
Clarence/Coffs Harbour (312)	Mount Druitt (324)	Windsor (342)
Deniliquin (313)	Orange (328)	

**In addition to one of the above selections, I am also prepared to work in one or more of the following areas:** (You may only select from this list if you have selected from the above areas)

Bondi (307)	Newcastle (326)	Sutherland (337)
Central Coast (311)	Northern Beaches (327)	Tweed Heads/Ballina (340)
Hornsby (318)	Port Jackson (331)	Wollongong (343)
Muswellbrook (325)	St George (336)	

Teaching in rural and remote NSW offers exceptional opportunities for both experienced and beginning teachers. It is a rewarding lifestyle choice that can give you numerous opportunities to get involved in the wider community.

The NSW Department of Education offers a range of incentive benefits to teachers who accept positions in rural or remote schools. Depending on the school location, these may include additional training and development days, one week of additional summer vacation for schools in the western areas of NSW, rental subsidy of up to 90% in the most isolated locations and 70% in some other isolated locations, and a number of locality allowances such as a climatic allowance, an isolation from goods and services allowance, vacation travel expenses, reimbursement of certain expenses related to medical or dental treatment and an allowance for dependents. The allowances are paid in addition to your salary.

The [benefits](#) vary from school to school. The [online benefits calculator](#) provides additional information about allowances and incentives for individual schools and school education areas.

## Applicant supporting statement

What is your understanding of the key aspects of the school counsellor role? Which aspects have motivated you to apply for this scholarship and why? (limit 100 words).

Give an example of when you have used your communication and interpersonal skills to work collaboratively with students, parents and staff to achieve an outcome (limit 100 words).

Please describe in detail your demonstrated interest and experience in wellbeing initiatives in schools and/or the community (limit 100 words).

Please give an example of when you have utilised your skills as an educator to assist the wellbeing of an individual student (please do not name the student). How would these skills carry forward to the school counsellor role? (limit 100 words).

Please describe in detail your demonstrated sensitivity to the diverse cultural backgrounds of students (limit 100 words).

Please describe a positive experience you have had working with a school counsellor (please do not name the counsellor) (limit 100 words).

*I certify that the information I have provided on this form is accurate and complete.*

*In applying, I acknowledge that personal information about me will be used by the NSW Department of Education in the interests of the proper and prudent management of the School Counsellor Sponsorship Program. Consistent with NSW Government policy (Premier's Department Circular 2004-03), any person who falsifies their record of academic and/or professional qualifications to gain employment may be dismissed and/or prosecuted.*

Date:

Applicant's signature:

## CHECKLIST

Please note that all required documentation should be submitted with your application.

When submitting your completed application, please ensure your supporting documents are electronically scanned (as a pdf). Your application **is not** able to be submitted as a scanned copy. Your application and supporting documents must be emailed to [sponsoredtraining@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sponsoredtraining@det.nsw.edu.au).

Please ensure that all relevant boxes below have been ticked before submitting your application.

### Sponsorship terms:

I understand and meet the [requirements](#) of the School Counsellor Sponsorship.

I acknowledge that the School Counsellor Sponsorship Program is driven by the demand for school counsellors in specific geographic locations. Any appointment will be in line with my nominated Service Commitment Areas.

I understand that if successful at being offered a scholarship, I will be committing to remain an employee of the department for two years following the completion of my studies.

I understand that I will be required to meet Charles Sturt University's (CSU) academic requirements to progress through the fourth and fifth academic year program.

I am willing to accept an appointment to a NSW public school in an agreed Service Commitment Area as outlined in the Sponsorship Agreement and acknowledge there will be a financial liability for not accepting an appointment.

I hold a current approval to teach permanently with the NSW Department of Education and have taught within the last five years in a NSW public school.

### I acknowledge that:

I have read and understand the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) in relation to the School Counsellor Sponsorship Program.

I acknowledge the Department's eligibility checks will include a review of my recent Professional and Ethical Standards, Health and Safety and Working with Children Check history.

### If I am successful in attaining a sponsorship under the Psychology Sponsorship Program:

I will have completed all psychology subjects by the end of the 2023 academic year.

I will maintain the required GPA of 5.5 as per CSU's method of calculation.

I understand I will need to meet CSU entry requirements to progress my studies into the fourth and fifth year of the School Counsellor in Training academic program.

I understand that the sponsorship pays my university course fees.

I acknowledge RFBA will be applied to Psychology Sponsorship recipients for the period they are completing their third year level psychology subjects and that this may impact eligibility for other Commonwealth benefits and obligations.

### If I am successful in attaining a sponsorship under the School Counsellor in Training Program:

I will have completed all psychology subjects by the end of the 2022 academic year.

I will maintain the required academic standard through my fourth year of studies enabling entry into the fifth year of academic studies.

I understand I will need to meet CSU entry requirements to progress my studies into the fourth and fifth year of the School Counsellor in Training academic program.

I understand the course costs will be paid by the Department.

### Written Application:

I have informed my principal and referee that they may be contacted.

[Principal's supporting statement](#) completed using specific examples and signed.

[Referee's supporting statement](#) completed using specific examples and signed.

Completed all sections of the application form, including my supporting statement that includes specific examples.

Included my academic record to date and evidence of enrolment into semester 2, 2022 OR my final transcript.

I have provided a photo identity card issued by the Australian Government or a state or territory government (this may take the form of a Working with Children or Vulnerable People card or a government issued occupational licence) to verify my identity at interview.

## Privacy Notice

The information provided by the applicant is being obtained for the purpose of the administration of the School Counsellor Sponsorship Program by the NSW Department of Education.

It will be used by the NSW Department of Education for consideration of the applicant's admission to the Program and the applicant's ongoing participation in the Program.

Reasons for the collection and disclosure of information are for the purposes of consideration of the applicant's application to participate in the Program, the applicant's participation in the Program and other purposes relevant to the proper and prudent management of the NSW Department of Education School Counsellor Sponsorship Program.

The information is provided as part of the applicants applying voluntarily to participate in the Sponsorship Program.

The information will be stored securely.

If the applicant does not provide all or any of this information then the application will not be considered by the NSW Department of Education.

Should you be offered a sponsorship, you may be required to provide documentation verifying your identity in order to conduct a nationally coordinated criminal history check.

**Please note that a scanned copy of your application form will not be accepted. Only writable electronically submitted forms will be reviewed.**

School Counsellor Sponsorship Program

Email your completed electronic application and supporting documentation to

[sponsoredtraining@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sponsoredtraining@det.nsw.edu.au)



**Closing date of applications is Sunday, 24 July 2022**