

HUNTER VALLEY REGION



Overview

The NSW Minerals Council, Newcrest Cadia Valley Operations, Xstrata Coal, and BHP Illawarra Coal invite senior secondary students to apply for a 2010 Minerals Education Bursary (MEBS).

Yr 11 and Yr 12 students from selected schools are eligible to apply.

This program is designed to attract and retain senior secondary students' interest in the minerals industry as a possible future career of choice through a co-ordinated program of activities and contact with the industry and stakeholders such as Cadia Valley Operations, Xstrata Coal, BHP Illawarra Coal, Northparkes Mine, universities and AusIMM.

Bursary winners will receive a cash grant of \$500 for Year 11 students and \$1,000 for Year 12 students sponsored by Cadia Valley Operations, Xstrata Coal and BHP Illawarra Coal.

Secondary school bursary holders who go on to complete the first year of an undergraduate degree in a designated minerals related tertiary course within 12 months of completing their schooling will then receive a \$2,000 undergraduate bursary. Bursary holders are still eligible to apply for other scholarships at university.

To be eligible to remain a bursary holder, students must participate in a minimum of 2 'MEBS' related activities conducted by NSW Minerals Council or member companies. MEBS activities may include open days at mine sites or universities, company events; career expos organised or conducted by minerals industry, mentoring programs, minerals careers dinners, Minerals Council of Australia student activities during 'Minerals Week', work experience and 'Minerals School Cluster' activities.

A key feature of the program is that every MEBS holder will be allocated a 'mentor' from the sponsoring company. Mentors will provide students with a long-term contact within the industry, offering career advice, study assistance and access to work experience and other mine site activities and resources.

Eligibility Criteria Written applications for the **Hunter Valley Region close Monday 3 May 2010**

- Must be enrolled at a secondary school as nominated by sponsoring companies.
- Students must maintain a set pattern of study and satisfactory academic results so that the student will be eligible for a HSC.
- Eligible schools: **Hunter** – All Saints Maitland - St Mary's Campus, All Saints Maitland - St Peter's Campus Hunter Valley Grammar, Maitland Grossman High, Maitland High, Rutherford High, Cessnock High, Mt View High, Kurri Kurri High, Mudgee High, Muswellbrook High School, Singleton High, St Catherine's Catholic College
- Applicants will be required to make a written application including details of recent academic record and a short supporting statement from their Head Teacher Science or Maths. Short-listed students may be required to attend a personal interview. Personal attributes and suitability together with a genuine interest and commitment to the industry should be considered as key selection criteria in addition to a sound academic record
- Unsuccessful applicants in a given year may re-apply in the subsequent year
- To be eligible to extend a bursary from Year 11 into their Year 12, bursary holders must demonstrate participation in at least two "careers education" activities conducted by the sponsoring companies, NSW Minerals Council or Minerals Council of Australia. These could include Minerals Careers Dinners, mine site work experience and other designated activities as determined by NSWMC.

MINERALS EDUCATION BURSARY SCHEME



Application Form – Minerals Education Bursary Scheme – Hunter Valley Region

Hunter Valley Region close Monday 3 May 2010

E-mail: education@nswmin.com.au

Mail: Education, NSW Minerals Council, PO Box A244, SYDNEY SOUTH 1235

Please complete ALL sections. You may include attachments where the form does not provide enough space or where you wish to include separate documents (e.g. certificates). It is compulsory that you attach a recent academic report to this form.

Contact Details

Name: _____ Home Ph: _____

Mobile: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

School: _____ Year (circle): 11 / 12

Teacher's Name: _____

Position: _____

Supporting Statement from Teacher:

Student's Personal Attributes, Qualities and Skills:

Interest in study and possible employment related to the Minerals Industry:

Please attach a copy of recent academic results (this is compulsory)

