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Time's running out for scholarship help

RESIDENTS wishing to apply for the 2016 Singleton Mayoral Scholarship Program have less than two weeks remaining to get their applications in.

Students who are enrolled to study in 2016 in Years 11 or 12, a university program or apprenticeship, traineeship or vocational study program are eligible to apply.

The scholarships can be put towards education fees, tools, text books, transport or housing costs.

Scholarships available in 2016 are:

Major scholarship of \$2000

- Trades - for a student currently completing an apprenticeship or traineeship

- University Level - for a student studying undergraduate, postgraduate, masters and doctorate

- High School - for a student in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 in 2016 and/or completed the School Certificate or the Higher School Certificate in 2015

- Vocational - for a student currently completing vocational study in any discipline

Minor scholarships of \$500

- Hospitality - for a student attending a short course in a hospitality discipline

- Retail - for a student attending a short course in a retail trade discipline

- Community Service - for a student attending a short course in a community service discipline

- Agriculture - for a student attending a short course in agriculture

Singleton mayor John Martin says this year's program is only open to residents aged 17 to 25 to support local young people further their education.

"The youth unemployment rate for the Hunter is about 15 per cent and as a community it's important we provide whatever support we can to assist young people acquire the skills they need to enter the workplace," he says.

"The Singleton Mayoral Scholarship is a fantastic way to give local students the financial assistance to pursue their dreams and, we would hope, bring their learnings back to our community.

"The program would not be possible without our sponsors and I extend my gratitude to Coal & Allied, Ashton Coal, Hunter Resource Recovery, Blackwoods and Bloomfield Colliery with in-kind support from Hunter TAFE."

Applications for the 2016 Singleton Mayoral Scholarship close on Sunday, February 28.

Lodge your online application at www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/scholarship