



Australia-Russia Friendship-in-Scouting Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

The Australia-Russia Friendship-in-Scouting Scholarship is funded by the Memorial Foundation for Scouting in Russia in memory of Gwenda Hollis, Masha Platonova and Michael Durnan. These scout leaders, from Australia, Russia and Britain respectively, died in a tragic accident following the First Russian Scout Jamboree, which was held near St Petersburg in August 1994 following the re-emergence of Scouting in Russia after it had been banned about 70 years. Substantial contingents of Australian Scouts visited the Moscow/St Petersburg region of Russia in 1992 and 1994.

Applications are invited from registered Australian warranted Leaders or Rovers.

I am a: Leader Rover (tick box)

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____ Email: _____

Section: _____ Group: _____

District: _____ Branch: _____

Details of proposed other Australian participants (if any)

Briefly describe relevant youth and adult leader experience with dates and major service/achievements
(attach an extra page if required)

Other community service outside of Scouting (attach an extra page if required)

Relevant professional experience/education (attach an extra page if required)

Knowledge/experience relevant to Scouting in Russia and other knowledge/experience relevant to this application (attach an extra page if required)

Activities proposed to be supported by the scholarship (up to one page). Please include:

- Proposed activities, participants, contacts, itinerary, dates, etc. to extent known at this stage.
- Anticipated benefits that you expect will accrue to Scouting, especially in Australia and Russia.
- Estimated costs and the source of funds to cover expenses excess to the scholarship grant.

Please provide contact details (phone, email, address) of two or three referees familiar with your Scouting and community service and your personal qualities. State their affiliation with Scouting and in what capacity they are familiar with you.

Send your application to:

International Funds Committee
c/- International Commissioner
Scouts Australia
PO Box 290
Kew VIC 3101



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Information for applicants for Australia-Russia Friendship-in-Scouting Scholarship

Scholarship applications will be assessed by the International Funds Committee of the Scout Association of Australia or a panel appointed for this purpose by that committee.

The scholarship is designed to fund projects/activities that the committee judges are likely to be of lasting benefit for Scouting in both Australia and Russia. It is expected that scholarship activities will involve travel to Russia in order to undertake Scouting-related projects/activities with Russian Scouts.

Applicants must be registered Australian Leaders or Rovers within the Scout Association of Australia. Normally scholarships will be offered to individuals, but proposals that involve more than one Australian participant may be considered, especially if the likely benefit is very significant.

The scholarship will provide partial funding for the scholarship recipient to travel to Russia to participate in projects/activities that are likely to be of lasting benefit for Scouting in both Australia and Russia. The scholarship will provide half of the project/activity costs up to a maximum funding specified at each time applications are invited, taking into account maintenance of the real capital of the fund. The scholarship recipient will be required to provide a budget outlining the costs of their project.

The duration of each visit to Russia is expected normally to be in the range of two to six weeks, depending on the detailed nature of the project/activities. If scholarship recipients desire to combine their scholarship travel with private travel, details should be included in their application and such a combination will require the approval of the International Commissioner prior to undertaking the scholarship. Approval will be granted only if it is assessed that it will not detract from the purpose or outcomes of the project.

Normally, applicants will be required to submit a detailed proposal for activities/projects that they propose to undertake during their visit to Russia. However, applicants may be invited to respond to specific criteria relating to their undertaking a project that is specified in an invitation for applications.

Before submitting an application, the applicant should undertake substantial research using sources such as those listed below.

Proposals will be considered following an invitation for applications that it is anticipated will be made annually or biannually, but expressions of interest may be submitted at any time.

Following the scholarship recipient's completion of the designated projects/activities, the scholarship recipient will be required to deliver a comprehensive written report suitable for wide distribution within Australia and Russia and may be required to deliver oral presentations to appropriate national, branch, area or other Scouting and community forums.

Knowledge of the Russian language is not essential, but applicants will be required to gain at least a basic understanding of the Cyrillic alphabet and common Russian words.

Depending on the nature of projects/activities, applicants may be required to establish communications with relevant individuals or groups within Russia prior to undertaking the scholarship.

The following are examples of the type of projects/activities that scholarship holders could undertake

- Active participation in a Russian scouting event, such as a summer camp, jamboree, training course, conference, etc. where the scholarship holder has a defined role additional to observing. The role could be to deliver/manage a particular activity where they have particular expertise that is not otherwise available; or an activity that may bring to the Russian scouts something that is notably Australian. At the same time, they would desirably bring back ideas/activities that have a particular Russian flavour.
- A significant joint environment project which involves both Australian and Russian scouts which would have a long term benefit to both the environment and Scouting within Russia. It could also be a sustainable project where Australian Scouts could continue visiting and being involved.

- A study tour where the scholarship holder visits specific groups and events to learn about how Russian scouting is conducted and in the process make contributions to Russian scout activities or events. The scholarship holder should then bring back to Australia new ideas and enthusiasm that they transfer.
- Participation in an event in Russia organised by scouts from another country. There are a number of linkages between Russian scouts and scouts in other countries upon which scholarship projects could be developed. One is Network Russia Scout Fellowship, which is UK-based (<http://networkrussia.org.uk>).

It is anticipated that all scholarship recipients will develop relationships with Russian scouts that will then be utilised to establish on-going links between Australian and Russian scouts, sometimes including actual travel of youth members between Russia and Australia.

Resources

- International Office of Scouts Australia can assist applicants with links with Russian Scouting.
- www.scout.org and other Internet links from that site
- www.networkrussia.org.uk, a UK-based initiative that promotes links and activities between UK and Russian Scouts