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LOGANSTUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR TECHNICAL TRADE DEFENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Member for Rankin, Craig Emerson is encouraging Logan students interested in learning a trade to apply for a Defence Technical Scholarship.

The 2011 program is currently taking applications for up to 1500 scholarships each year to students in Years 11 and 12 interested in pursuing a technical trade career in the Australian Defence Force.

Mr Emerson said the initiative, now in its third year, offered local high school students some great opportunities.

“This is a unique award, as it’s still the only large scale scholarship targeting students wishing to learn a trade whilst still at school,”

“Students in Year 11 and 12 receive financial support to learn a trade, and at the same time they’re encouraged to stay and complete their senior school years, so it’s a win-win situation. “

To be eligible for the \$2000 scholarship in Year 11 and \$3000 scholarship in Year 12, students need to be studying mathematics and English and a vocational or syllabus technical trade subject. Students also need to have a genuine interest in joining the Australian Defence Force.

Mr Emerson noted there was no obligation for scholarship recipients to enter the Australian Defence Force.

“So even if you are not 100 per cent convinced of your desire to join, you can still receive a scholarship Mr Emerson said.

“Applications close on 11 March and require the support of the schools to be progressed, so don’t delay.”