

EMILY THOMAS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT (SCHOLARSHIP)

Notes to assist in the completing the application form.

This information is provided by an applicant who gained a Qld Senior Certificate after the completion of Grade 12 and who applied to TAFE to do a Diploma of Crime and Justice. Applicants may have different answers to the application questions depending on their situation in tertiary education eg attending University.

I was guided by the Chairman of the ESA Foundation Education Program in completing this application. I wouldn't have been able to submit the application without that guidance, advice and explanation. Information I have provided about some questions is based on my interpretation of the questions. I don't have any specialist knowledge.

How to access the application form

1. The website is <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org> . Click on the link to scholarships
2. Use the search field at the end of the page and put in the State of Residency – Australia and then click on the search scholarship field. The Emily Thomas Memorial Endowment should be listed in amongst a number of scholarships available to Australia students.
3. Find the Emily Thomas Memorial Endowment and click on the apply now button. This will take you to the application pages.

The application.

1. Create an account.

- Add name, email address and password.

2. Profile

- Personal information required
- Address information required
- And alternative address information – if available

3 Financial profile

- Family income - this field must be completed to be able to proceed to the next question.
Remember it is in American dollars.

Note: *This information is regarded as private in Australia so there is no allowance for Australian privacy laws. Suggest that if the student is comfortable about providing some information in this section that it be an estimate only. The applicant is not asked to provide proof of income.*

- Number of children in family
- Number of family members attending college
- Student employment information

4 Academic Profile

- Education status – choose the option that best describe your current education status
- College/University major
 - Enter information about the college or university you will be attending
 - Primary major – eg if doing a Bachelor of Education, education would be the primary major; and
 - Secondary major – eg would be early childhood, high school or specialist subject (music, science, maths, etc.
- **Academic Scores**
 - Non weighted GPA (grade point average). – this is difficult to calculate using Australian grade markings. The attached information on how the non weighted GPA is calculated in the USA may help.

Note: it is important to put a score in this section between 0 and 4 as it is needed to complete the filtering section to lodge your application and pay the application fee at the end of the application. Don't use zero as the filtering section doesn't work when the non weighted GPA is zero.

In response to my question about this with the Chairman, the Chairman reviewed the applicant's results transcript and gave her a non weighted GPA of 3.5.

- **Foreign student requirements**

In this section you are able to give an explanation about scores achieved in completion of high school (senior certificate), achieving an ATAR score, or credit points for non ATAR subjects or completion of a university year.

- Most recent OP classification. I entered zero here. There isn't any explanation of the American OP classification to be able to compare to the Australian system.
- Core Skills test results – eg with regard to the Senior Certificate include the credit points awarded to be eligible for the Qld Senior Certificate. (an explanation of the credit points can be added in the section above headed Foreign student requirements. It is also verified when the transcript of results is uploaded as part of the application.

Other documents to be uploaded

Transcripts of results to be uploaded

Two recommendations/references to be uploaded

An essay about yourself (no word limit) to be uploaded

All Scholarships

This section needs to be completed to submit your application and pay the processing fee of US \$5.00

Filter scholarships

Some of the information required here is contained in the description of the Emily Thomas Memorial Endowment

- Judging criteria – select “all equal”. All equal
- is based on the criteria shown at right. This
- information is helpful when writing the personal
- essay

Criteria	E
Service / Leadership	30
Financial Need	30
Scholastic Ability	30

- Scholarship amount – select “more than” and enter amount of the scholarship US \$700
- Scholarships available – select “more than” and enter amount of 1
- Status – select “ready to add to cart”

Press Filter

Find the Emily Thomas Memorial Endowment in the list and add to cart. Process payment

GENERAL COMMENT

1. There isn't an explanation of scholarship guidelines and little information about the criteria for the scholarship at the beginning of the application. Some information is provided as you progress through the application.
2. As demonstrated by the lack of applications received for the scholarship, I think Australian students would pass this scholarship because it is complicated and doesn't fit the Australian situation eg privacy and scores. As there are many scholarships available to Australian students which are easily completed, they would bypass this one. The other consideration is having to pay a fee to process the application would also be a deterrent.
3. Anyone applying email questions to the Chairman of the Scholarship Program to guide them through the process.
4. Remember the closing date is in the American format ie month/day/year.