Shine Award Outline

An initiative of the Marburg & District Residents Association

• The Marburg & District Residents Association encourages the youth and young adults of Marburg and surrounding districts
  (a) to make positive contributions to their communities.
  (b) to grasp opportunities for self improvement and to set and achieve targets in chosen fields which may include academic, cultural or sporting endeavours.
• The MDRA recognises that financial costs impact on capacities to take up opportunities and encourages motivated young people, including those in difficult circumstances, to apply for this award.
• The Shine Award aims to acknowledge and assist committed young people in their quest for self-improvement and development in their chosen field.
• This award will be presented to an individual making notable contributions to the community, achieving impressive results in a chosen field, or making outstanding progress towards personal goals.
• Eligibility requirements are as follows:-
  (a) Applicant must have commenced or completed secondary school education and be under 26 years of age throughout the calendar year in which the application is considered.
  (b) Applicant must be a resident of the town or district of Marburg, Tallegalla, Haigslea, Glamorgan Vale or Minden.
  (c) Applicant will not be eligible for a second Shine Award within five years of previously being awarded a Shine Award.
• The selection panel will be appointed by the MDRA Management Committee annually and will consist of three people, at least one of whom will be a member of the MDRA Management Committee.
• The selection panel will be responsible for managing the selection process within the guidelines established by the MDRA.
• The selection process will confirm the eligibility of each applicant.
- The application will include the following details: name, phone number, email, postal and residential addresses, school / tertiary institution being attended (if a student), and workplace (if applicable).

- The application should include at least two references with one being from the applicant’s school, educational institution or workplace, and one being from a person involved in the applicant’s chosen field.

- Each application should address the selection criteria and be supported by evidence demonstrating the applicant’s commitment and by documents indicating achievements and / or results.

- The selection process will involve an interview with an applicant.

- The award will include a framed citation, and a monetary sponsorship to assist the recipient towards furthering their quest for excellence.

- The selection panel may award a Highly Commended Certificate at their discretion to an unsuccessful applicant. Other applicants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

- Sponsorship will be up to the value of $1,000. The decision on the actual amount to be awarded for each round of the Shine Award will rest with the MDRA Management Committee and the MDRA and will be advertised when applications are called.

- Presentations of the Shine Award will be at a public occasion.

- Applications for the Shine Award will be invited once a year, and will close on 15th September. The successful applicant will be announced in October.

- An application form for the current Shine Award may be obtained at:-
  - mymarburg.wordpress.com
  - or from:
    - The Secretary,
    - Marburg and District Residents Association,
    - P.O. Box 63, Marburg, Qld, 4346.

- Young people who would like to obtain further information about the Shine Award might like to begin their enquiries by speaking to a member of the MDRA Management Committee. Contact details are available on the MDRA website.