



MHSOBA Inc.

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

GEORGE B. FINCHAM SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

The George B. Fincham Scholarship is awarded to an Old Boy enrolled in second or subsequent year studies in an undergraduate degree at any recognised Victorian university.

GEORGE B. FINCHAM

George B. Fincham attended Melbourne High School in 1931 and 1932. He is the grandson of the late George Fincham who migrated to Melbourne from London in 1852. As the son and grandson of organ builders, it was natural that George founded the craft of organ building in Australia. His firm has set a world record in the craft, being owned and directed by six generations of the Fincham family. George Fincham was one of the real pioneers of Melbourne, arriving in the colony when it was only seventeen years old.

It was necessary for George B. Fincham to leave Melbourne High School after he had obtained his Intermediate Certificate, due to the difficult years of the Great Depression. However, time proved that he had been given a most sound, solid and intense education that formed the foundation for continued success when he took over his father's business in 1950.

George B. Fincham was eager to assist Old Boys who demonstrate outstanding academic potential at university and are in need of financial assistance to achieve their career and community goals. Though George B. Fincham passed away in May 2008, the executors of his estate, particularly his son David, are eager to perpetuate the Fincham name at Melbourne High School. It is hoped that by supporting outstanding students through the MHSOBA, a significant contribution can continue to be made to the Victorian and Australian communities.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship may be in the order of \$10,000 for each academic year and may be awarded to multiple recipients at the discretion of the executors of the Estate of George B. Fincham and the MHSOBA.

The scholarship will be awarded following receipt of written applications and interviews of shortlisted applicants.

The scholarship will generally be paid in three instalments, usually in June, September and December. Prior to the final payment, recipients must demonstrate excellent academic achievement during the academic year. The MHSOBA retains the right not to make the final payment if the recipient does not demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement.

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CRITERIA

Applicants should:

- (a) be Old Boys of Melbourne High School;
- (b) be enrolled in second or subsequent year studies in an undergraduate degree at any recognised Victorian university;
- (c) have excellent tertiary academic results; and
- (d) demonstrate significant financial hardship.

APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted on the attached form. Evidence of financial hardship should be attached to the application form.

A personal statement in support of the application (not exceeding 300 words) may also be submitted.

Applications are due by 5.00pm on Friday 3 March 2017 and should be emailed to adminstrator@mhsoba.asn.au.



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**GEORGE B. FINCHAM SCHOLARSHIP
2017 APPLICATION FORM**

SURNAME.....Given Names.....

Home Address..... P/Code.....

(Home)..... (Mobile).....

Email.....

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL DETAILS

Years at Melbourne High School..... VCE Score..... (results attached)

Academic Awards..... (evidence attached)

General Awards..... (evidence attached)

Current MHSOBA member: YES / NO (circle one)

UNDERGRADUATE DETAILS

Course (evidence attached)

University (evidence attached)

Subjects completed and their results (evidence attached)

FINANCIAL DETAILS (In Confidence)

Expected income for calendar year: \$ (evidence attached)

Expected expenditure for calendar year: \$ (evidence attached)

Specific expenses involved directly with course of study: \$ (evidence attached)

A personal statement in support of this application (not exceeding 300 words) may also be provided.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence with the information only available to members of the interview panel, consisting of the MHSOBA President and/or his representative and Mr David Fincham and/or his representative.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

..... Date: / / 2017

*All applications and related material will remain the property of the MHSOBA Inc.
All evidence submitted should be certified photocopies, not original documents.*

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