

## THE VERMA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



### BACKGROUND

**The Verma Family Scholarship is awarded to an Old Boy enrolled in an undergraduate health-science or related course at any recognised Australian university.**

### ABOUT THE VERMA FAMILY

Abhishek, Amit and Ajai Verma all attended Melbourne High School. They appreciated the high standard of teaching and the ethos of the school. The three brothers all achieved high scores whilst at Melbourne High School, enabling them to gain entrance into medical school. Abhishek Verma attended UNSW whilst Amit and Ajai attended Monash University.

Throughout their time at Melbourne High School, the three brothers realised the value of the art of teaching. As doctors, they feel strongly that patients should be taught about their illnesses in order to feel empowered to take the action necessary to help themselves. Communication, empathy and the ability to develop strong relationships were the keys to enabling such patient empowerment via education.

Abhishek, Amit and Ajai all have strong interests in patient and peer education and believe this is vital in the healthcare of the community. It is with great pride that they offer this scholarship to an Old Boy undertaking his undergraduate studies in the field of health sciences who has a significant interest in incorporating teaching (either via academia or direct patient education) in his career.

### THE VERMA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- The scholarship will consist of a payment of \$3,000 and a certificate.
- One scholarship will be awarded each year.
- The scholarship will be awarded following receipt of written applications and interviews of shortlisted applicants.
- Previous recipients are not eligible to apply in subsequent years.

## CRITERIA

Applicants should:

- be an Old Boy of Melbourne High School;
- be enrolled in an undergraduate health-science related course (medicine / dentistry / pharmacy / physiotherapy / biomedical sciences / nursing) at any recognised Australian university;
- be in their second or subsequent year of tertiary study; and
- have excellent tertiary academic results.

Consideration will be given to those candidates who can demonstrate how the Scholarship would assist in diminishing the financial hardship of their university studies.

## APPLICATIONS

- Applications should be submitted via the **APPLY HERE** button on our website [www.mhsoba.asn.au/scholarships](http://www.mhsoba.asn.au/scholarships)
- Any evidence of financial hardship should be attached to the application form.
- A personal statement in support of the application (not exceeding 500 words) should also be submitted.
- Applicants are specifically requested to outline their current career aspirations in the fields of medicine or health-related sciences with a particular emphasis on teaching (either via academia or direct patient education).



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