



MCINTOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2023 Information

**Applications Close
30 November 2023**

Establishment of Fund

The McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund was established in 1921 by the people of Western Australia to perpetuate the memory of WWI flyer, Lieutenant John Cowe McIntosh, AFC. He was killed in an aircraft crash near Pithara, WA on Easter Monday 1921.

Following several changes the administration of the Scholarship was transferred to the Air Force Association (WA Division) Inc. trading as (RAAFA) in 1983. We are proud to have been able to use these funds to help further education.



Lieutenant John Cowe McIntosh AFC

Born in Scotland in 1892, he later immigrated to Western Australia. At the outbreak of WWI, John enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Corps, serving with the 4th Field Ambulance in Gallipoli and France where he reached the rank of Corporal. Just before the end of hostilities he transferred to the Australian Flying Corps to commence flying training at Oxford in the UK. McIntosh was commissioned as Lieutenant in 1919.

Rather than return to Australia with other elements of the AIF by ship, McIntosh (right) joined forces with Lieutenant Ray Parer (left) to enter the Australian government's £10,000 air race from England to Australia. Although the race was won by Ross and Keith Smith in December 1919, McIntosh and Parer continued with their adventure. Despite great difficulties and obstacles, they became the first airmen to fly a single-engine aircraft from England to Australia and the only other entrant to successfully complete the race. The epic journey took 208 days and McIntosh and Parer each received £500 and were awarded the Air Force Cross (AFC).

Value of the Fellowship

One (1) scholarship, to the value of \$5,000, will be awarded to a candidate who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, merits such award. The Scholarship is provided in two parts, with an initial payment of \$2,500. The balance is paid at the end of the first school year, upon receipt of examination results.

Eligibility

- Open to descendants of persons who have and/or are enlisted for service in any branch of the RAAF and Commonwealth Air Forces.
- The applicant must be an Australian citizen or resident
- Residing in Western Australia
- Undertaking their first course of full-time tertiary education and in any year of that course
- Should the recipient not complete the full year of study or change courses, RAAFA must be notified immediately of the circumstances
- Unsuccessful applicants can re-apply in future years if still undertaking their first course of tertiary education

Applications

Applications are to be made using the application form available via <https://forms.raafawa.org.au/Forms/McIntoshMemorialScholarship> (also accessible using the QR code). Please ensure all four pages are completed.



References

The applicant is required to supply at least one character and academic ability reference (max 3) to be sent, emailed or uploaded with your application. These references should preferably be from the class or head teacher, professor, instructor, business manager or proprietor, or any other person of community standing.

Selection Process

Applications **close 30 November 2023**. The selection is at the discretion of the Selection Committee appointed by RAAFA. Initial assessment for interviews is expected to be completed in late November and selection will be made in January/February. Presentation of the award will take place February 2024.

Reporting

The successful candidate is required to provide copies of examination results and a report on progress at the completion of the years study when the balance of the funds will be paid. These are required as soon as possible after release and no later than the second week in January. Any changes to enrolments are to be notified immediately.

Enquiries

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Equal Opportunity

RAAFA are committed to equal opportunity and exercise that policy in relation to all admissions processes. The McIntosh Memorial Scholarship program does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, colour, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.