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## **EASTERN GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC**

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### **Wilson Academic Bursary Guidelines 2026-27**

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society (EGHS) is pleased to offer the Wilson Academic Bursary, valued at up to \$2,000 (including GST for ABN holders), to support research into and the recording of the history of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia. The Wilson Academic Bursary has been named after Life Member of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, W. Scott Wilson and his wife Maria, who endowed the money for this research.

**Purpose** - The Wilson Academic Bursary aims to encourage new, high quality research which will contribute to the understanding of the history and heritage of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia.

#### **Recipient obligations**

The successful recipient will be expected to:

- Undertake research into a previously unexplored aspect of Eastern Goldfields history or heritage, or present a new perspective on existing research.
- Produce a high-quality, fully referenced written work.
- Submit a final manuscript of no fewer than 15,000 words (format negotiable with the Committee).
- Ensure the completed research is made publicly accessible, including through the EGHS Library.
- Acknowledge the support of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society in the final publication.

Photographs and/or sketches are encouraged where they enhance the final work. The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society does not provide images free of charge under this bursary. Any use of images from the EGHS collection will be subject to the Society's standard fees and charges. Reproduction fees and conditions also apply.

The recipient will have **12 months** to complete the project. Payment will be made in instalments, or at the discretion of the EGHS Committee.

Bursaries are available up to the value of \$2,000 per year. The final amount awarded and paid will be determined by the Committee and is non-negotiable.

#### **Eligibility**

A wide range of applicants are encouraged to apply. Applications from community members, students, local historians, academics or individuals interested in Goldfields history will be considered.

#### **Selection criteria**

The Proposal must:

- Demonstrate originality and scholarly merit



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- Be intrinsically connected to the Eastern Goldfields
- Present new research or a new interpretation of existing research
- Confirm that the work is original and has not been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere

### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Bursary Application Form
2. A 250-word research proposal
3. A current Curriculum Vitae

Successful applicants will be required to submit a written progress report by 31 January 2027, outlining the status and development of the project.

### **Key Dates**

- **Applications open:** 1 April 2026
- **Applications close:** 31 May 2026
- **Applicants notified by:** 30 June 2026

### **Submission Details**

Applications may be emailed or posted to:

Executive Officer  
Eastern Goldfields Historical Society  
Email: [eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au](mailto:eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au)  
Post: PO Box 643, Kalgoorlie WA 6430