



## FATHER FRANCIS HEFFERAN MEMORIAL BURSARIES & AWARDS

26 October 2022

Dear School Principals, Church Pastors & Parish Administration, on the Sunshine Coast,

The family of the late Rev Fr Francis Hefferan Parish Priest of Nambour Catholic Church set up a Benevolent Fund over two decades ago, specifically to reward young people for outstanding efforts in academia, the arts or other innovative pursuits and to encourage them to achieve their goals.

The Fund Committee that administers the Bursaries and Awards comprises representatives of community, schools and St Joseph's Parish.

Each year at this time young people between the ages of 15 and 25 years throughout the Sunshine Coast are invited to apply for cash Bursaries and Awards.

Please encourage the young people who are high achievers in their fields of expertise to apply. The Committee would be grateful if you would contact any outstanding students who graduated in previous years, and may have moved on to further studies/achievements in their fields of excellence.

Applications forms and all relevant information are available from the St Joseph's Parish website [www.nambourcatholics.net](http://www.nambourcatholics.net) (main menu: Fr Hefferan Bursary)

An application form and information page will be emailed on request from St Joseph's Parish Office at [stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au)

2023 is the 22nd year of these Bursaries and Awards during which time \$159,300 has been distributed to 183 young people to acknowledge outstanding effort in pursuits as diverse as weight lifting, music, theatre and academic excellence.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the address below.

I remain  
Yours faithfully

Fr Odinaka Nwadike  
Parish Priest

(Attached is a brief outline of the Bursaries & Awards for your Newsletter/Bulletin Board)



# Fr Francis Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards 2023

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## What?

- Bursaries and Awards which reward outstanding efforts in academia, the arts and innovative pursuits

## Who?

- Open to all young people 15 to 25 years throughout the Sunshine Coast

## How?

- By application on the Bursaries and Awards Application Form
- Forms and information for applicants are available on St Joseph's Parish website [www.nambourcatholics.net](http://www.nambourcatholics.net)

## When?

- Applications open Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022
  - Applications close Midday Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023
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- All applicants will be notified by email by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
  - Presentation of the Bursaries and Awards date to be advised.
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## Enquiries:

St Joseph's Parish Office  
177 Currie St Nambour.

*St Joseph's Office is open 8.30am – 2pm Monday, Wed., Thursday, & Friday. Closed on Tuesday.*

Email: [stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Phone 07 54411034



**APPLICATION FOR FR HEFFERAN MEMORIAL BURSARIES AND AWARDS 2023**

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Name ..... Date of Birth.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....Email.....

**Please tick the category for *this* application. (If you are applying in more than one category, a separate application is required for each category.)**

• **ACADEMIC**  Indicate school year level or university course name .....

• **ARTS**  Indicate field (e.g. music, visual arts) .....

• **INNOVATION**  Indicate field .....

This category includes innovative projects and activities, the outcomes of which have brought significant benefit to the community, locally, regionally or overseas. Consideration will be given to a wide range of community projects that address areas such as:

- social inclusion
- fostering partnerships and collaboration
- community safety
- sustainability
- health and well-being

**Briefly describe your outstanding achievements**

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**Supporting documents**

It is important for you to attach supporting documents in regard to your achievements. These could include: academic reports or transcripts, certificates, news articles, letters of congratulations etc.

**List the documents that you have included with your application.**

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**References**

**Please attach two (2) written references and provide the following details:**

**Referee 1.** Name: .....

Phone number:.....

**Referee 2.** Name: .....

Phone number:.....

**Indicate how you will use the funding if successful - *include approximate costs.***

*For example: Travel expenses to competitions; accommodation expenses; new equipment -type, price and quantity*

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**In 25 words or less, describe what you consider to be your greatest achievement.**

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years)**

**Total number of attachments** (include application form, references and supporting documents): .....

**Email your application to:** [stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au)

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***APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT MIDDAY ON Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023***

All applicants will be notified by email by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

*The allocation of Bursaries and Awards is at the discretion of the Bursary Committee.  
No correspondence will be entered into.*

# Father Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Information for Applicants 2023

## Background:

The Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund was established in 2000 to encourage young people to achieve their goals by rewarding outstanding efforts in academia, the arts, and innovative pursuits.

## Eligibility:

Applications are available to young people who

- are between the ages of 15 and 25 years
- reside in, or have resided in, the Sunshine Coast District
- display proven exceptional ability, the pursuit of excellence and outstanding achievements in any of the categories for a minimum of two years.

## Guidelines:

- The categories are: **Academic, Arts, and Innovation.**
- The application is currently a pdf file so if using windows opening in google docs will allow you to type in the spaces provided. When finished save as a pdf again. Please scan any documentation that you have and attach to your application when you email it to [stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au)
- In each category, there is a Bursary and an Award. The value of the Bursary and Award is determined annually by the Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund Committee.
- Applications are submitted by email on the Fr Hefferan Memorial Bursaries and Awards Application Form, available at <http://www.nambourcatholics.net>
- An applicant may apply in more than one category. A separate application is required for each category.
- A winner of a Bursary in any of the categories in previous years cannot re-apply.
- A winner of an Award in any of the categories in previous years may re-apply.
- Two written references must accompany the application. Both referees must have known the applicant for at least 2 years. One referee should comment on character. One referee should comment on the area of expertise and could be a teacher, Pastor, coach or family friend. Close family members may not be referees. Applications without 2 written references will not be considered.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Members of the Father Francis Hefferan Benevolent Fund Committee choose successful applicants. The allocation of Bursaries and Awards is at the discretion of the Committee.
- No correspondence will be entered into regarding the decisions of the Committee.

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