

*The Members of East
Gippsland Primary Health
Alliance ...*

- Encourage local students to choose medicine as a career
- Encourage local students to return to a rural area to work
- Are committed to supporting local students

The annual Derek Leon Scholarship was established by East Gippsland Primary Health Alliance (EGPHA) to assist a local student in the first year of study at medical school. The scholarship is one of a number of strategies EGPHA uses to encourage students within the region to choose medicine as a career and to return to a rural area to work once they have graduated.



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East Gippsland Division of General Practice formed in 1993 by GPs in the Wellington and East Gippsland shires. Our vision is to promote high quality health care and we are committed to better health outcomes through partnerships between GPs and community. Our values are based on excellence, ethical behaviour, integrity and community focus.

The Division has 74 GP members of a total 98 GPs and Registrars located in 27 general medical practices in the region, delivering primary health care to a population of approximately 82,300 people.

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**Attention
Year 12
Students**

***Derek Leon
Scholarship***

**We are seeking applications
from local 2011 Year 12
students who are accepted
to study medicine in 2012.**

***See over for more
information...***

The Annual Derek Leon Scholarship

Who was Derek Leon?

Dr Derek Leon worked at (then) Gippsland Base Hospital, Sale, as a radiologist until his untimely passing in 1998. He was greatly respected by his colleagues and the community members he served. He was a tireless worker who always provided the highest quality of service possible.

The Scholarship ...

To recognise the great service and contribution he made to both the Wellington and East Gippsland communities, East Gippsland Division of General Practice Board of Management, with the endorsement of the late Dr Leon's wife, Mrs Ruth Leon, established the annual **Derek Leon Scholarship** in 1999.

East Gippsland Primary Health Alliance annually allocates **\$1,000** to the Derek Leon Scholarship. Application is open to 2011 Year 12 students who studied in East Gippsland or Wellington shires and who have been accepted to study medicine in 2012. The successful awardee is expected to use the Scholarship to purchase study materials in their initial year of university life.

“Rural General Practice is the ideal way to combine challenging medicine and a great lifestyle. Rural GPs have the opportunity to do procedural or hospital work which extends our skills well beyond office-based general practice. Rural GPs also have the opportunity to live in beautiful regions of the country and enjoy a lifestyle unencumbered by commuting, crowds and pollution. For me, it's the perfect career.”

Dr Stuart Anderson, Senior Lecturer & Advanced Academic GP Registrar (2006)

Who is eligible to apply?

2011 Year 12 students who studied locally and have been accepted to study medicine in 2012 are eligible to apply.

How to apply ...

Submit a written application to East Gippsland Primary Health Alliance when university offers are accepted. Applications will be short listed and those selected will undergo a short interview to select the successful applicant.

Your application ...

MUST address the following questions. We expect you to write up to half an A4 page on each of the following:

1. Your life until now (where you have lived & studied)
2. Why you want to study medicine
3. What areas of medicine interest you
4. Where you want to work as a doctor
5. Your career plans for the next ten years

Include with your application, your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and details of the University and a certified copy of your acceptance.

Conditions of acceptance

1. You must secure a place in a medical school and begin study in 2012.
2. You must provide a short essay titled “*Life as a medical student*” to East Gippsland Primary Health Alliance Board of Management by 31 July 2012; and present it at the 2012 AGM.
3. If you leave medical school within the first two years, you will be required to repay the scholarship as follows: 50% in the first year; 25% in the second year.

What happens next?

- Your application will be acknowledged promptly.
- Advise us if you receive and accept a first, second or third round offer in medicine.
- Applications will be shortlisted.
- Interviews will be conducted in early 2012 following the closure of third round offers.



Download the application online from:

**www.egpha.com.au
immediately after your offer is accepted send your application to.....**

East Gippsland Primary Health Alliance

**Attn: Derek Leon Scholarship
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