



Referee information sheet

NB 1 Applicants may not act as a referee for other applicants within the same year and state.

NB 2 State assessment panel members may not act as a referee for applicants within their state while being a panel member.

King O'Malley was a member of the first Federal Parliament. During his twenty year career as a politician, he played an important role in the development of modern Australia, including the foundation of Canberra, the construction of the transcontinental railway and the establishment of the Commonwealth Bank.

King and Amy O'Malley believed that Australian family life should be strengthened and supported for the sake of the nation. Having no living relatives, they decided to establish a trust fund that would accrue interest for twenty one years, after which the interest would be used for Home Economics scholarships.

Up to 30 scholarships are awarded across Australia each year, for study in the following year in a Home Economics or equivalent program (including teaching, community services, food and nutrition, public health, family and consumer studies, textiles and housing). Scholarships are not awarded to people intending to prepare for careers in manufacturing, trading, catering or entertainment fields, or for courses at trade schools.

We select applicants for interview on the basis of their application and references. The current value of the scholarships is available from the trust's website, at <http://www.omalleytrust.org.au>.

Successful applicants are expected to achieve high academic standards, to make a positive contribution to the profession and to undertake leadership roles.

About your reference

The applicant will have asked you to make either an academic reference, a personal reference, or a professional reference. Your reference should be a statement in your own words about how effectively the applicant meets the applicant criteria relevant for your type of reference.

Specifically:

- an **academic reference** should assess the academic potential of the applicant. You must have taught or supervised the applicant this year or last year
- a **professional reference** should assess the capacity of the applicant to make a significant contribution in Home Economics or a related area in the future
- a **personal reference** should assess the personal attributes of the applicant. Please indicate for how long you have known the applicant.

The table below shows the applicant criteria.

Professional goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear career intentions to work in an educative and advocacy role for families and households• The potential to work in a leadership role and make a professional contribution to fields related to Home Economics• Broad and deep knowledge about Home Economics and its role in society• A current involvement in Home Economics or related professional associations
Academic potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High grades, normally having passed all subjects at the first attempt• A capacity for critical and analytical thinking• The potential to succeed academically at a high level



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Referee statement

Thank you for providing this statement and your reference. They will help the Managing Trustees during the selection process for the scholarships.

The Referee information sheet provides information about the King & Amy O'Malley trust, the scholarship and what is required for a reference. Please read it before completing this form and writing your reference.

The confidentiality of your reference is protected under Section 35 of the Victorian Freedom of Information Act 1982.

Please provide the information required to complete each point and tick the relevant box where required.

Applicant's name:

I have known the applicant for: _____ **year(s)**

Name:

Organisation:

Title/Position:

Email Address:

Postal Address:

Phone Number: _____ **Postcode** _____ **State** _____
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This Referee Statement is: academic reference
 personal reference
 professional reference



Assessment of the applicant

Please describe the applicant, in your own words and in line with the guidance provided in the Referee information sheet. (Up to 5,000 characters)



I have: read the attached Referee information sheet

filled out the assessment of the applicant, in line with the guidance provided in the Referee information sheet

ATTESTED on the _____ day of _____ (*Day, Month, Year*)

Please return this form as soon as possible by clicking the 'Submit' button below.

If you do not have an email service (eg. Outlook), please save and attach this form in an email to:
enquiries@omalleytrust.org.au.