

## PRE-SERVICE TEACHER EDUCATOR SPONSORSHIP



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..... act justly; love tenderly; walk humbly with your God.  
Micah 6:8

*Pre-service Educator Sponsorship to attend 2014 SPERA NATIONAL CONFERENCE is provided by Catholic Education Office Toowoomba, SPERA, the Isolated Children's Parents Association QLD, Isolated Children's Parents Association WA, SiMERR (University of New England) and the Sidney Myer Chair, Rural Education and Communities, Dr John Halsey.*

This offer of support is for three pre service educators, one from WA - a student currently enrolled at a WA University a second, a pre-service student currently enrolled at a QLD University and a pre-service student enrolled at a South Australian University. The scholarships are provided to enable participation in 30th SPERA NATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ENGLAND, 1-3 October 2014. These three scholarships will cover registration and contribute significantly to offset transport costs to Armidale as well as attendance at the conference dinner. Students will need to fund their own accommodation costs.

The pre-service educator must meet the criteria as listed below.

Each pre-service educator needs to write a brief statement (maximum 2 pages) registering their interest in attending the CONFERENCE and stating the following:

1. Full name, the pre-service education program you are enrolled in and the University you are attending.
2. Why you wish to attend the conference and the benefits you would gain?
3. What is your interest in rural and remote education?
4. What previous experience have you had in rural schools? Please include any rural practicum you have completed as part of your program.

Please forward your completed statement to:

Mr Brian O'Neill

SPERA Conference Planning Committee

Email: [admin@spera.asn.au](mailto:admin@spera.asn.au) or [bonei24@eq.edu.au](mailto:bonei24@eq.edu.au)

## **PRE-SERVICE TEACHER EDUCATOR SPONSORSHIP**

Expressions of interest close on Friday September 10 and the sponsorship will be finalised Friday September 17. The successful applicant will be notified by email and will be required to provide an email report on the conference to SPERA by December 5 2014.

### **SPERA will:**

1. Acknowledge sponsors and recipient at the CONFERENCE, in the Conference Proceedings and in marketing material.
2. Provide a mentor for the pre-service student at the CONFERENCE
3. Provide sponsorship to attend the CONFERENCE dinner.
4. Publish the report provided by the pre-service student in the SPERA Newsletter and on the SPERA website.

SPERA is grateful for the sponsorship and support provided by CEO Toowoomba, ICPA QLD, ICPA WA and SiMERR.

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Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia Inc  
30th NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
in partnership with the  
University of New England (School of Education) and  
SiMERR National Research Centre,



1-3 October 2014 UNIVERSITY of NEW ENGLAND ARMIDALE, NEW SOUTH WALES



**CONFERENCE THEME: Reflections upon Rural Education: student Engagement, Aspiration and Motivation**

SPERA, Australia's leading professional development or learning organisation and advocate for rural education invites you to their 30th national conference to be hosted at the University of New England (School of Education) and the SiMERR National Research Centre, Armidale, NSW. This National Conference will bring together a range of teachers, school administrators, teacher educators, academics, pre-service teachers, community groups and organisations and parents who are passionate about rural education.

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