Minova Australia scholarship to benefit local TAFE student

A partnership forged between TAFE Illawarra and Minova Australia has resulted in the inception of the ‘Barry Chruickshanks Memorial Scholarship’, which will provide financial support up to the value of $1,500 to one local student and will be awarded for the first time in 2012.

Minova Australia approached TAFE Illawarra to offer this Scholarship as a way of acknowledging the contribution of Barry Cruickshanks (dec) to their organisation.

According to Sue Newcombe, Human Resources Manager, Barry grew up in Nowra and commenced work with Minova’s Nowra plant when he was 20 years old.

“Barry’s talents, drive and commitment to growing and learning at work saw him advance his career over nearly 20 years with Minova. Regrettably Barry died suddenly in December 2009 at age 39 years due to illness,” said Sue.

“He is remembered and missed by family, friends, community and his work colleagues. At the time of his death, Barry was a Technical Sales & Service Representative with Minova’s Hard Rock Business and was based in Minova’s regional office in Welshpool, Western Australia,” she added.

Paul Goodwin, Manager District Operations – South Coast at TAFE Illawarra, said this scholarship from Minova Australia will be awarded to one Nowra based student to advance their studies through TAFE Illawarra.

“We are delighted that Minova Australia has decided to offer this Scholarship. I’m sure it will help the student to reach their career goals and aspirations,” he said.

To be eligible for a Minova Australia ‘Barry Cruickshanks’ Scholarship, students must:
- reside in Nowra and have attended a local Nowra-based High School for at least two years
- be enrolled in a course scheduled for delivery over a one to two year period at Certificate III or above at TAFE Illawarra for the scholarship year
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- agree to a follow-up meeting with a Minova Manager or representative upon attainment of their qualification to review their educational achievements and future goals.

To apply, simply complete the application form which is available on the TAFE Illawarra website (www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au) and provide a 300-500 word statement outlining:
- your interest in the scholarship, specifically making mention of any work experience, work placement, community or sporting achievements, volunteer work, or paid work in the Nowra region
- how the scholarship will assist in achieving your academic or career ambitions

Applications close on Friday 17 February 2012.

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