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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP  
SUCSESSES AND FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

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The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) is running a \$1 million Australian Government scholarship fund to boost education development opportunities for emergency management Volunteers. On Friday 17 August 2018, the Department of Home Affairs announced a further \$1 million boost to the Emergency Management Volunteer Scholarship program. The extra funding is available from Round 4 and will add an extra round of applications. Round 4 of applications is scheduled to open on 3 September 2018.

Applications need agency endorsement and DFES will accept requests for agency endorsement from Volunteers in MAPS WA, Volunteer Marine Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service, State Emergency Service, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Bush Fire Service.

Key Dates for Emergency Management Volunteer Scholarship Round 4:

- 3 September 2018: applications open
- COB Friday 28 September 2018: latest time for a Volunteer to submit a request for endorsement to a DFES Manager
- Monday 8 October 2018: DFES advise outcome of endorsement request
- COB Monday 15 October 2018: Volunteers complete AIDR application online
- Monday 26 November 2018: AIDR advise volunteers the outcome of their application

The steps to seek DFES agency endorsement are on the Volunteer Portal under Training > Emergency Management Volunteer Scholarships.

Rounds 1, 2 and 3 resulted in 18 out of 28 DFES endorsed volunteer applicants awarded scholarships. Submitting high quality applications that support the aims of the Emergency Management Volunteer Scholarship program facilitated these volunteers win scholarships.

Volunteers are encouraged to explore this opportunity to undertake studies in accredited units or courses in emergency and disaster management.

DFES Managers play an integral role in supporting volunteer applicants and contribute to their success by providing advice and guidance about applications and confirming details through the endorsement process. A Guide for DFES Staff (District Officers) is available on the Volunteer Portal under Training > Emergency Management Volunteer Scholarships.



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*Full links for staff:*

<http://extranet/sites/volunteers/members/Pages/emvs.aspx>

*Full links for volunteers and extranet users:*

<https://extranet.dfes.wa.gov.au/sites/volunteers/members/Pages/emvs.aspx>