February 2023

VMIA PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AWARD 2023

Dear Colleagues,

VMIA in conjunction with Business Managers Victoria, is delighted to inform members of the opportunity to apply for the VMIA Professional Learning Award for 2023.

This award recognises outstanding practices and innovative ideas that may result in significant contributions to the school and the profession of school Business Managers.

The VMIA Professional Learning Award provides a $10,000.00 scholarship to a current financial BMV member to further support his/her individual professional learning.

Recognising great practices could be based around priorities identified at school level such as the following, but not limited to:

o   School based innovation – An innovative project supporting school focus areas.
o   Business Manager best practice - The introduction of improved processes surrounding budgeting, cost savings, procurement, and resource allocation.
o   Adding value for disadvantaged students – may build leadership capacity by developing a sustainable program around raising achievement levels and narrowing the division between groups.

The scope for which applications can be made, is only limited by the innovative ideas and outstanding practice that is being considered or introduced within your schools.

Award details are included with this letter, and applications are now invited on the attached pro-forma.

<p align="center">**Applications close Friday 31st March 2023**</p>

The announcement of the successful applicant will be made at the BMV leadership conference welcome dinner held on Wednesday 10th May at the Pullman Albert Park. I encourage members to apply for this outstanding opportunity.

Tracey Smith & Nancy Sandilands

Vice President's BMV

Award Rules

1. The award will be known as the VMIA Professional Learning Award.

2. The award is to the value of $10,000.00 and only open to current financial members of the BMV.

3. The award is intended to support an BMV member to engage in professional learning.

4. Applications for the award must be made on the pro-forma provided, and email: ATT: President of BMV to businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com

5. Applications must be received by **4.00pm on Friday 31st March 2023.**

6. Applications will be considered by a panel, which will compromise:
   o The President of the BMV.
   o Two members of the BMV who are not applicants.
   o A representative from VMIA.

7. The role of the panel will be to evaluate all the applications and determine candidates for shortlisting.

8. If shortlisted, the applicant will be required to attend an interview (virtual).

9. Decisions rendered by the panel will be final and all information regarding applications will remain confidential.

10. The successful recipient of the award will be required to attend the presentation during the BMV Leadership Conference welcome dinner held the Pullman Albert Park on Wednesday 10th May 2023.

11. The Successful applicant will be required to have committed the award monies and acquit the spending by 30th June 2024.

12. The successful applicant may be required to speak at a BMV meeting regarding their experience with the scholarship.

SECTION 1   APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:

Current Position: ES Classification:

Work Location (School name and address):

Email:

Telephone   Work: Mobile:

SECTION 2   APPLICATION DETAILS

The application must not exceed three A4 pages

Your application can include:

- o What great practice/innovation/value adding you have introduced
- o A brief summary of what professional learning you wish to undertake
- o A full description of the knowledge and skills you will acquire as a result of this professional learning, and how this will be transferred to benefit your school community.

The application may include additional examples such as photos or other media to enhance your application.

If you require further information, please email businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com

SECTION 3   DECLARATION

I declare that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I have read and understand the rules relating to this award. I agree that the BMV, VMIA or the DE will not be liable for any additional expenses that I may incur because of my acceptance of the award.

Name:

Applicant's Signature: Date: