# Manly Warringah Radio Society First Amateur Radio License Youth Grant

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#### 1 This document

The purpose of this document is to define the Manly Warringah Radio Society Incorporated (MWRS) First Amateur Radio License Youth Grant program (FARLYG).

# 2 Objective of the FARLYG

The objective of the MWRS First Amateur Radio License Youth Grant (FARLYG) is to attract young enthusiasts to the hobby of the amateur radio and therefore ensuring the future of the hobby and of the Manly Warringah Radio Society. It endeavours to encourage young people that would not normally have an exposure to the hobby to make the necessary steps to obtain an amateur radio license with no or little financial commitments by them.

It is hoped that this initiative will be followed by other Amateur Radio clubs around Australia.

# 3 Scope of the FARLYG

It is expected that the young person will apply to the MWRS for a FARLYG. If their application is successful with the MWRS, they will then study for their licence, and sit for their License examination with the MWRS. If the young person achieves a PASS assessment in this examination, then the MWRS will fund \$100 towards the cost of:

- The license examination;
- The ACMA cost for the first year of the amateur radio license

Additionally, the MWRS will cover the cost of the MWRS membership for the remainder of the current financial year and the following full financial year.

The candidate will need to obtain the study book. It is expected that study books will be available second hand or could be borrowed from people who have studied the subject.

The MWRS Assessment Group will conduct one day Foundation License courses and assessments periodically or as required. The grant is however available to any first licence assessment.

## 4 Eligibility

The FARLYG is available to:

- any person under the age of 18 at the time of exam; and
- any fulltime student under the age of 21 at the time of the exam.

Grants are limited. Allocation to eligible candidates will be on first-come-first-serve basis.

## 5 Prerequisites

The candidate must:

- understand and agree with the conditions of this grant;
- be eligible to obtain an ACMA radio license in Australia;
- not currently hold an Australian amateur radio license:
- fill and submit the request form;
- be of academic age to be able to read, write and understand basic electronic equipment operation instructions;
- read the training material prior to the course and assessment;
- pay for the fees. \$100 will be reimbursed on a PASS mark and proof of the ACMA license.

## 6 Ruling

Request for grant forms are presented at the Monthly Business Meeting following the submission of the form. Candidates will be accepted/rejected by the meeting upon review of the request.

A candidate can only have one (1) attempt to a license assessment under a FARLYG grant, ever. Any other attempts will have to be done without the help of this program.

The license assessment must be undertaken within 6 months from the grant approval.

Examination under this grant must be undertaken at the MWRS.

# 7 FARLYG Openings

The number of FARLYGs is limited. There are 2 types of FARLYGs:

- Society's FARLYG; and
- Donation FARLYG.

As far as the candidates are concerned, they are identical; they only differ in the way they are funded and by their expiry period.

#### 7.1 Society's FARLYG (S-FARLYG)

- The Society's FARLYGs (S-FARLYG) are fully funded by the MWRS.
- A number of grants are allocated yearly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The
  meeting may decide not to open any grants for any given year. If the subject is not
  covered at the AGM, the number of openings that was allocated for the previous
  financial year is used for the next financial year.
- Valid only for the financial year, lapsed if unused.

#### 7.2 Donation FARLYG (D-FARLYG)

- The donation FARLYGs (D-FARLYG) are funded by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, typically MWRS members.
- Full current dollar value of the FARLYG is donated to the MWRS for this purpose and this purpose only. The MWRS cannot use the fund for other undertaking.
- Valid until used, ie no expiry date.
- The MWRS is liable for the any cost rises which may occur between the donation date and the consumption date of the grant, such as assessment cost or licence cost rise

To preserve the MWRS funds, the D-FARLYG offerings will be the first ones to be allocated. Once all D-FARLYGs have been consumed, the S-FARLYGs will be used.

#### 8 MWRS financial liabilities

The financial liability for each Society FARLYG consists of:

- \$100 per allocated opening;
- Membership cost for the remainder of the current year and for the following full year.
   This will be considered as lost revenue with no real additional cost to the MWRS.

The financial liability for each D-FARLYG is limited to the forgone revenue of that MWRS membership.

## 9 Program advertising

As a minimum, the program should be advertised via the following:

- At least twice yearly on the Sydney based WIA broadcast;
- At JOTA/JOTI;
- At any MWRS public activities such as horse riding events, field days and Lighthouse weekends. Leaflets should be prepared for this purpose.
- On the MWRS website

# 10 Termination of the Program

The MWRS may terminate the program at any Monthly Business Meeting; however allocated grants will be honoured. The Donation FARLYGs will need to be reimbursed to the donors. If the original donor cannot be contacted, then the balance of the money will be donated to the Wireless Institute of Australia.

The preferred way to terminate the program is by first stoping any new grant allocation and announcing the termination of the program when all available grants have been used or have expired, whichever comes first.

## 11 Appendix - Application Form

Candidate section:
Date of application
Name
Address
Email Address
Phone number
DOB

In few words, why do I want to become an amateur radio operator?

Administrative section:
Date that application considered at MWRS Business Meeting
Application successful?
Date that Foundation examination undertaken
PASS achieved in examination?
Date that fees reimbursed to examinee

## 12 Appendix - Publicity Leaflet

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