

## VONNIE BURKE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

Vonnie Burke (1934 – 2018), Life Member, had a fundamental understanding of the empowering nature of education and a commitment to provide opportunity through education wherever she could.

As a teacher and as a unionist she was innovative, committed, challenging but above all determined that whether as a student or as a worker, the institution of school and union promoted fairness and dignity and provided opportunities which otherwise might be denied.

She was particularly motivated that girls and women have opportunities beyond their existing circumstances in life.

The Vonnie Burke Award and Scholarship is made in honour of this remarkable teacher and unionist and seeks to provide an opportunity for an early career female member to undertake union-related professional development.

The value of the scholarship is to be determined by the governing body from time-to-time.

In 2022/23 the amount is \$3,000.

The allocated sum (with the approval of the Secretary) may be spent on course fees, release time, travel and accommodation as relevant.

The professional development is to be taken within the twelve months following the Award.

### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

Applications for the Award should address the following (100-200 words each):

1. Demonstrated advocacy for fairness and respect in the workplace.
2. A statement of personal union values and why unions are essential in our community.
3. A statement on what the Award would mean for the applicant's development as a unionist and as an educator.

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### *In Confidence*

#### **Nominee's Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Year commenced work in  
education: \_\_\_\_\_

IEUA-QNT Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

How have you demonstrated advocacy for fairness and respect in the workplace:

Provide a statement of your personal union values and why unions are essential in our community:

Provide a statement on what the Award would mean for your development as a unionist and as an educator:

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 5:00pm Wednesday, 19 October 2022**

***Please fill in the nomination form and return via email to:***

[tmckenzie@ieuqnt.org.au](mailto:tmckenzie@ieuqnt.org.au)

***Tessa McKenzie, Clerical Support Officer***