

## BMWDCM ‘Behind the Wheel Scholarship’ 2024

A unique opportunity awaits a young, aspiring motorsport enthusiast for 2024, as BMW Drivers Club Melbourne Inc (**BMWDCM**) will be launching its “**Behind the Wheel Scholarship**” in conjunction with Shannon Cooper, the Cooper Family and Bell Motorsport.

The program will see BMWDCM, Shannon Cooper and Bell Motorsport assist one selected young, upcoming driver as they commence their way through the motorsport ranks in Australia. The prestigious scholarship offers an introduction into motorsport to the chosen recipient, providing an immersive range of experiences throughout 2024.

While previous manual driving experience is preferred, it is not a mandatory requirement for entry into the scholarship. We also seek an individual who embodies the qualities of a strong ambassador, seeks active participation in the BMWDCM and motorsport, while also aligning seamlessly with the BMWDCM culture.

### ***The scholarship winner will receive:***

- entry into each BMWDCM Come and Try Day in 2024. Starting in participants own vehicle, with the opportunity to progress to a fully prepared E30 racing car. Alternatively, a suitable car can be provided by Bell Motorsport at each round;
- entry into the BMWDCM 2024 Calder Sprint in August, with the opportunity to compete in a Bell Motorsport prepared E30 race car. Including cost of car and support for the day;
- payment of Motorsport Australia Speed Licence fees for 2024;
- dedicated tuition with E30 Racing and Bell Motorsport drivers and coaches;
- a set of custom track maps to use in debrief sessions (including video debriefs) with Bell Motorsport drivers and coaches;
- opportunities for ride sessions in Shannon Cooper and Bell Motorsport Team E30 Racing cars at selected BMWDCM Come and Try Days throughout 2024;
- 2 tickets to each E30 Racing event throughout 2024 including pit access;
- a BMWDCM, Shannon Cooper and Bell Motorsport merchandise pack;
- acknowledgement at the annual BMWDCM Awards night;
- opportunities to assist at selected events as crew or as an event official (including Supercars);
- introduction to key Motorsport Australia programs and pathways; and
- opportunities to network and engage with organisations such as Motorsport Australia, Victorian Flag Marshalling Team, E30 Racing, Supercars Officials and many more.

The total value of this program is more than \$5,000 - the experiences are priceless.

***As a result of completing the scholarship, awardees will have:***

- increased skill and confidence as a driver;
- increased knowledge of the motorsport sector, including career opportunities and pathways;
- increased professional and networking capital;
- experiences with a variety of driver coaches; and
- a significant platform to continue participating in Motorsport- either as an official or competitor.

***Scholarship eligibility***

Applicants must:

- be under 19 years old as of December 31, 2024;
- be a relative of a current financial member of BMWDCM. The successful candidate will have their BMWDCM membership paid for as a part of the scholarship; and
- hold, or successfully apply for, a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence. The successful candidate will have the licence fee for 2024 paid for as a part of the scholarship.

***Application requirements***

A complete application for this scholarship must include:

- a resume with current contact information and driving experience, if any; and
- a short video (maximum 3 mins) introducing yourself and detailing why you'd be a deserving winner.

Applications must be emailed to [scholarship@bmwdcm.com.au](mailto:scholarship@bmwdcm.com.au) by February 29, 2024 (*please note, the first Come and Try Day is scheduled for March 17, 2024, at Sandown International Raceway*).