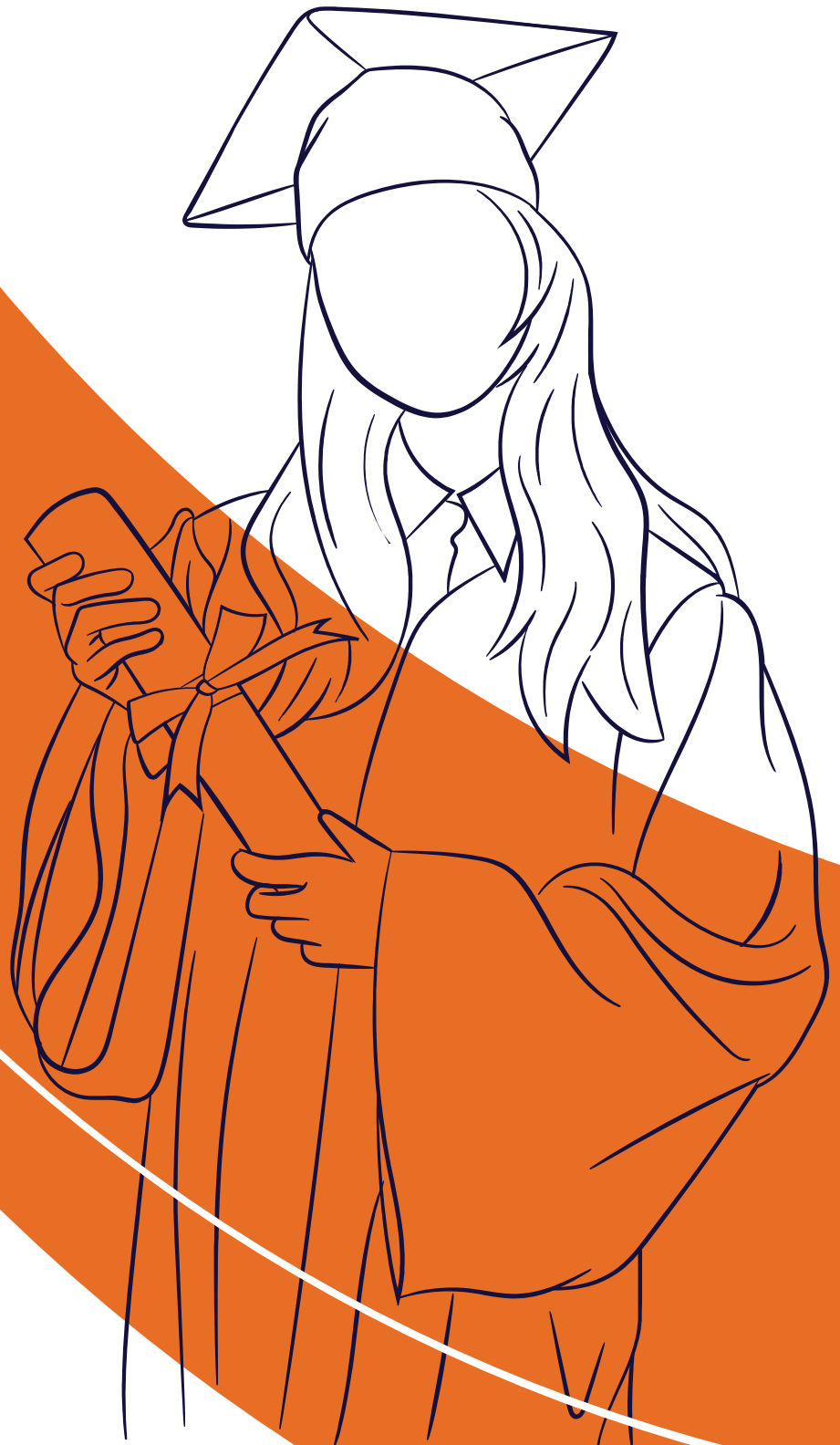
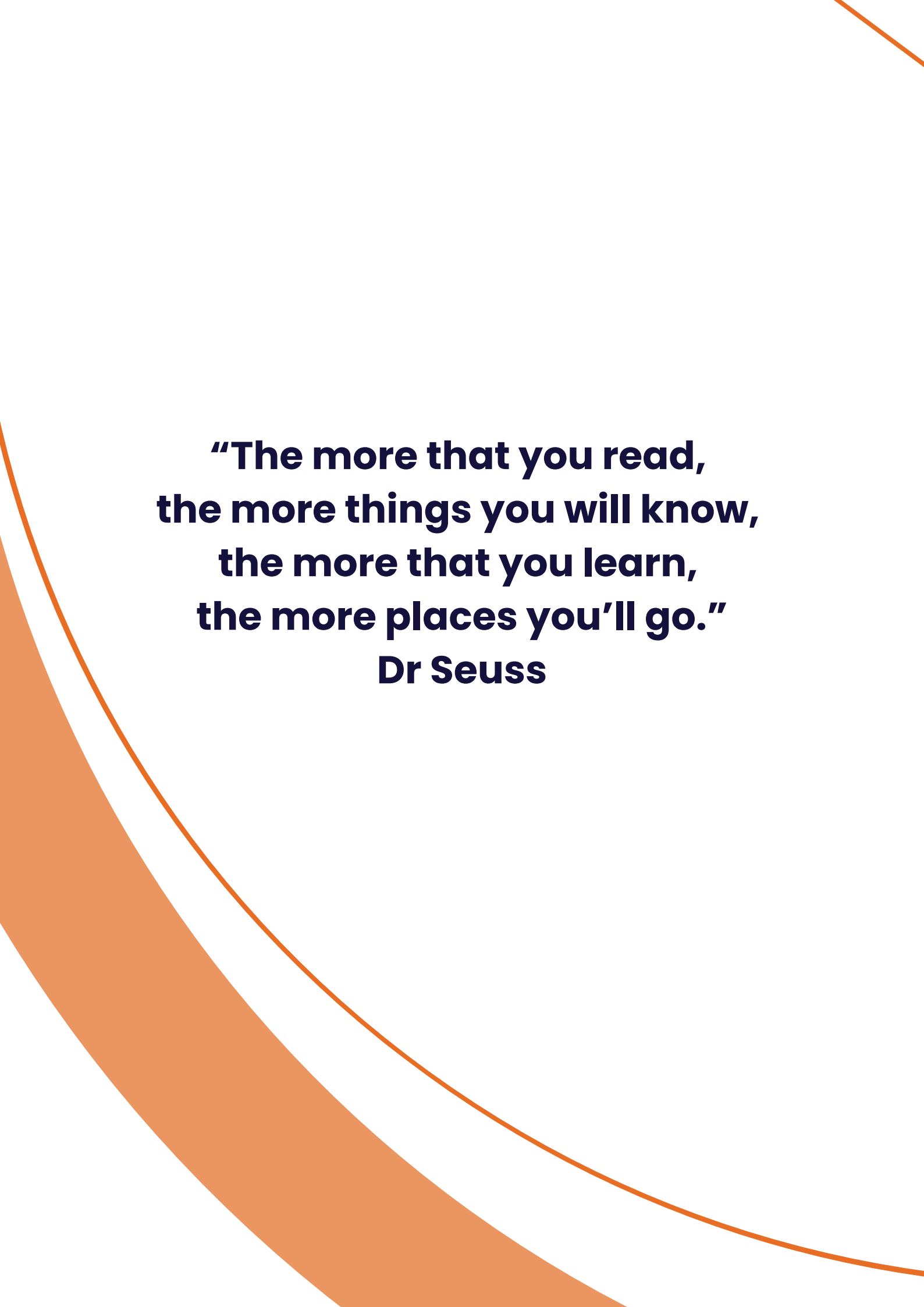


2026 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE



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**“The more that you read,
the more things you will know,
the more that you learn,
the more places you’ll go.”**

Dr Seuss

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This guide has been collated by South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN, CUC Bass Coast and CUC Mallee. This is not an exhaustive listing of all scholarships available in Australia and we encourage students to look beyond this guide.

All information and links are current as of 22/07/2025

Scholarships



We know that many students aspire to go to uni to gain a degree or go to TAFE to study towards a diploma, but for many students the costs make this unattainable. Higher education isn't free, with the combined expenses of course fees, textbooks, study materials, IT equipment, work placements and accommodation adding up quickly! That's where scholarships come in.

Scholarships exist to increase opportunities for someone just like you to access higher education. Being awarded a scholarship could mean the difference between accepting or turning down a place at university.

There are scholarships specifically tailored to the needs of regional students, and even though you might not think you are eligible, no matter what your situation or background, there is a scholarship that you can apply for.

Examples of types of scholarships include:

- Access for regional and rural students
- Residential scholarships
- Travel and study grants
- Placement grants
- Areas of study, such as agriculture, the health professions and teaching
- Scholarships for people from diverse backgrounds.

In case you are thinking you won't have a chance, let's address some common myths about scholarship success. Many people think that to get a scholarship:

- You need to be academic.
- The odds are against you because so many apply, and you don't have a hope.
- You have to be good at writing essays.

None of these are true. It is true that you will not get a scholarship unless you apply for one!

It is also true that your chances of success depend on finding the right scholarship to suit your circumstances and needs.

There are a number of key steps to follow to enhance your chances of success:

1. Commit – Decide that you want to apply for a scholarship
2. Assess – Find scholarships that you are eligible for
3. Research – Look far and wide
4. Knowledge – Know your audience/know what they are looking for
5. Awareness – Pay attention to your competition
6. Quality – Proofread everything!
7. Determination – Perseverance furthers! If at first you don't succeed – apply again, and again!

Timing: when do you apply?

It is important to take note of the opening and closing dates for the scholarship you are applying for – different scholarships will have different timelines to adhere to. Make sure you allow plenty of time to prepare your application and to collect any additional information or documents that may be required.

VTAC Scholarship Applications: What are they?

Many Victorian universities use the VTAC platform to process scholarship applications, particularly for students applying to study for the first time. There are various types of scholarships you can apply for through VTAC, including:

- Financial disadvantage
- Academic Achievement
- Being the first in your immediate family to attend university
- Being an Indigenous Australian
- Being a refugee or asylum seeker
- Having to relocate to attend tertiary study
- Intending to live on campus
- Having been in formal out-of-home care
- Having a disability or medical condition that affects your education
- Having experienced difficult circumstances that have affected your education
- Community service
- Leadership

How to apply via VTAC:

1. Applications for 2026 are open 4th August and close at 5pm on 10th October. You'll need to complete your application and provide all additional information and documentation by that deadline.
2. Go to the VTAC website – www.vtac.edu.au
3. Create an account with VTAC or log in to the one you have already created using your VTAC ID & PIN.
4. Select 'Scholarship Application' in your VTAC user account (all applications are submitted online)
5. Enter all your personal details & provide additional information if required

Not all institutions use the VTAC platform to process scholarship applications. Below is a table showing the institutions that use VTAC and the eligibility requirements. For other institutions, refer to the relevant links at the end of this guide.

Charles Sturt University	Accepts Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency visa and will not accept New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian temporary/student residency visa.
Deakin University	Accepts Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency or humanitarian visa. Will not accept holders of an Australian temporary/student residency visa.
La Trobe University	Accepts Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency visa. Will not accept holders of an Australian temporary/student residency visa.
RMIT University	Accepts Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency visa. Will not accept holders of an Australian temporary/student residency visa.
Swinburne University of Technology	Accepts Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency visa or humanitarian visa. Will not accept New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian temporary/student residency visa.
Victoria University	Accepts Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and holders of an Australian permanent residency visa or humanitarian visa or temporary visa. Will not accept holders of an Australian student residency visa.

Local Scholarships

Freemasons Foundation Victoria (FFV) – Tertiary Support

<https://www.freemasonsfoundation.org/secondaryandexternaltertiaryscholarship>

Scholarships of up to \$3,000 are available to provide assistance to tertiary students attending their first tertiary course or further studies related to their original course at University or TAFE in Victoria who require financial support with their studies.

General guidelines of eligibility for a Tertiary Support Scholarship are as follows:

- An Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia domiciled in Victoria;
- Low socio-economic status background; or
- Demonstrated financial need. Students must be able to demonstrate financial need and be able to provide supporting documentation and evidence at the time of application. For example, Commonwealth income support payments such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, or the necessity to relocate to undertake their chosen course of study.
- Satisfactory academic merit.

There are currently 2 rounds available each year, closing on 31 March and 31 August each year. Applications for 2026 open on the 1st of December 2025.

Swan Hill Rural City Council – Youth Endeavour Scholarship

<https://www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/Community/Grants-and-funding/Youth-Endeavour-Scholarship>

Council has established a scholarship program, coordinated by secondary schools within the municipality, to support school leavers wanting to undertake further education or training to assist with career opportunities or take on a new job.

Eligibility:

- have shown commitment to study and have the aspirations to complete further training, study or pursue career opportunities after secondary school (eg. Tafe, University, Apprenticeship etc)
- or who may require financial assistance to take the next steps after secondary school

The scholarship may be used for, but not limited to, the following items:

- education and training fees, books or uniform
- purchase of a vehicle, driving lessons, licence fees
- tools and equipment

Schools are responsible for student nominations and the coordination of scholarship timelines.

Youthrive Victoria – Rural Chances Vocational Scholarships

<https://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/>

Scholarships are available for young rural Victorians looking for work or opportunities to train further and build their skills. There are larger scholarships valued at \$5000 assist young people to move away from their home town or to assist with extensive travel required to complete training qualifications, along with mentoring and leadership and networking opportunities. As well as smaller scholarships of up to \$2000 for specific items to support training such as for equipment, course fees, tools of trade, travel costs, materials etc., along with the offer of mentoring and leadership and networking opportunities.

Eligibility:

- Be 16–24 years of age;
- Hold a current Centrelink health care card, or can provide evidence of significant financial hardship;
- Identify a TAFE qualification (Certificate III or above) they would like to enrol in or are enrolled in OR an apprenticeship they would like to undertake;
- Be willing to be accountable for the use of scholarship funds;
- Be willing to participate in publicity/promotional material and research.

Key Dates for Rural Chances Scholarships

- 2026 Applications open: 16th June, 2025
- 2026 Applications close: 20th October 2025 (Midnight)
- 2026 Application assessment period: Early/Mid November 2025
- 2026 Scholarship interviews: Mid/Late November 2025
- 2026 Scholarship notification of outcome: December 2025

Mallee Family Care (MFC) – Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarship

<https://chancesforchildren.com.au/how-do-i-apply/Chances-Fund.aspx>

The Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarship supports young people aged 24 and under to undertake university, TAFE or apprenticeship studies locally or outside the Mallee region. It can help cover some of the costs associated with course fees, textbooks, living away from home and other expenses.

Eligibility:

- an Australian citizen living in northwest Victoria or southwest New South Wales
- a young person 24 years old or under
- financial reasons for needing help to support your education.

Application Dates*:

- Monday 18th August 2025 – Monday 20th October 2025

*For funding in the 2026 academic year

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and Chances for Children Scholarship

<https://www.sunifate.edu.au/life-at-sunitafe/scholarships/sunitafe-chances-for-children-scholarship/>

This scholarship will provide \$5000 per year to support students experiencing financial hardship whilst studying a course at SuniTAFE.

Eligibility:

- are Australian citizens
- are aged between 16 and 25
- reside in north-west Victoria or south-west New South Wales
- are able to demonstrate financial hardship
- will be studying at one of the Sunraysia Institute of TAFE campuses

Applications to Chances can be accepted at any time throughout the year. Applications are assessed twice a year in October and January.

Dr Allan Antcliff AM Memorial Scholarship

<https://www.sunitafe.edu.au/life-at-sunitafe/scholarships/dr-alan-antcliff-am-memorial-scholarship/>

This award has been dedicated to the memory of Dr Allan Antcliff, AM. The scholarship is awarded to a student undergoing training in Production Horticulture, who has achieved a level of excellence in the first stage or year of a course, and is going on to complete a second stage, or year, of a course. The awardee would thus be selected at the conclusion of the first stage, or year. The scholarship is for \$1,000 (including GST).

The scholarship is intended to assist the student in meeting the costs of course fees, text books, and other requisites in the second year of the course.

Eligibility:

- The top student in the first year of the 2 year Diploma of Production Horticulture course
- In the event there are no students in the above course, then the scholarship is to be divided equally between:
 - The top first year fruit growing apprentice, going into second year
 - The top second year fruit growing apprentice going into third year

Should the above courses not run, or be replaced by new courses, then the guidelines stated above will be applied to replacement courses that relate to viticulture, horticulture or agriculture.

Applications close 31st of January.

Bendigo Bank Scholarships

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/community/foundation/scholarships/>

Bendigo Bank offers regional, rural, indigenous, agricultural and Community Bank programs to help break down the financial barriers faced by students studying at both TAFE and University.

Bendigo Bank also offers Community Bank Scholarships for specific regions. You can search by postcode here:

<https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Program/Index/2>

Centrelink Scholarships & Assistance

Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiary-access-payment>

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one off payment of up to \$5,000. It's to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study. To get the payment you need to meet some rules.

These include:

- moving from a regional or remote area for tertiary study that's at least 90 minutes away from your family home location by public transport.
- starting tertiary study in the year after finishing year 12 or equivalent.
- an Australian resident
- studying a tertiary course at certificate IV or above in the 12 months immediately after completing year 12
- 22 or younger on the day you start your tertiary course
- study at least 75% of a full-time study load
- study a course with a minimum duration of one academic year.
- meet the delivery method of your study program e.g. face-to-face, multi-modal and at a Regional University Study Hub (including as an online student).
- have parents or guardians whose income is under the current combined parental income limit of \$250,000.
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You can claim this payment in your first year of tertiary study only.

Relocation Scholarship

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/relocation-scholarship>

You might get a Relocation Scholarship if you're a student getting Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY and you meet these rules:

- are a dependent student or an independent student for a special reason
- study in a specific place
- meet the study rules
- get at least \$1 of Youth Allowance as a student or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

Student Start-up Loan

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/what-student-start-up-loan?context=23316>

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary \$1,321 loan for eligible students who get Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. You can get the loan up to 2 times a year, once each loan period. Loans are tax free and you don't need to declare them to us as income for your regular student payment.

You have to pay back the loan once you start earning a certain amount of income. You should think about how this will impact you in the long term before you apply

Health, Nursing and Medicine

Rural Pharmacy Scholarship

<https://www.ppaonline.com.au/programs/rural-support-programs/rural-pharmacy-scholarship-scheme-2>

The Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme provides support to those students living in remote and rural areas. The scholarship gives the opportunity for students to complete undergraduate or postgraduate studies and are then encouraged to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.

Eligibility:

- You must be an Australian citizen.
- You need to be enrolled or accepted for enrolment in an Australian university as a full-time student and be studying an undergraduate or graduate degree that leads to a registrable qualification as a Pharmacist.
- You have lived in a rural or remote area for at least five consecutive years or eight years total since the age of five.
- You need to be a member of (or be intending to join) your university's student Rural Health Club and be able to prove evidence of enrolment.

Australian Rotary Health Scholarships

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/applications-how-to-apply/program-scholarships/#toc--scholarships-for-regional-students-to-study-anywhere-in-australia->

Australian Rotary Health provides scholarships for Rural Nursing, Rural Medicine, and Indigenous Health.

Indigenous Health Scholarship – These yearly scholarships are awarded to Indigenous tertiary students as a way to support the barriers of tertiary study and qualification in Australian Indigenous populations. Each scholarship is worth \$5,000 per year.

Rural Medical Scholarships – ARH uses its rural medical scholarship program to create incentive for students to undertake at least one year of work placement in rural Australian communities. Each annual scholarship is worth \$5,000.

Rural Nursing Scholarships – ARH uses its rural nursing scholarship programs to create incentive for students to undertake their final year of clinical placement in rural Australian communities. Each annual scholarship is worth \$12,500.

Australian College of Nursing

<https://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships>

ACN are proud to administer a range of Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate aged care, nursing and midwifery courses as well as the Puggy Hunter scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying entry-level health courses.

Australian Nurses Memorial Centre

<https://australiannursesmemorialcentre.org.au/index.php/scholarships/>

ANMC offers a range of scholarships for nurses and midwives undertaking postgraduate study.

Eligibility:

- Study must be by course work or research and must be at an Australian university or other accredited higher education institution.
- Must be able to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.
- Must acknowledge the ANMC when presenting at conferences, or in media reports and publications related to study or research

Royal Flying Doctors Service – Give Them Wings Scholarships

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/careers/scholarships/>

RFDS Victoria offers rural students support through the Give Them Wings scholarship program. To be eligible, students must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Studying full time at a Victorian university campus
- Currently residing in, or have grown up in, regional, rural or remote Victoria

Real Insurance – Real Futures Grant

<https://www.realinsurance.com.au/grants/real-futures-grant>

To be eligible, you must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Australian Tertiary Education Institution and be studying for a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship in any of the following areas:

Medicine	Including medical and health sciences, surgery and medical research.
Healthcare	Including health and fitness-related specialties, sport sciences, health services assistance and international health.
Specialist Healthcare	Including nursing, optometry, dentistry and pharmacy.

Submissions close on the 31st of October 2025.

Education



Department of Education & Training – Early Childhood

<https://www.vic.gov.au/become-early-childhood-teacher-educator#scholarships-to-study-early-childhood-teaching>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/financial-support-study-and-work-early-childhood>

Early Childhood Scholarships are available to help people build their careers in early childhood education, without an additional financial burden. The Early Childhood Scholarships and the Early Childhood Aboriginal pathway scholarship initiatives are part of the Victorian Government's investment to bolster our kindergarten workforce. Scholarships can be used to pay for course fees, living costs while you study, or other costs associated with your education.

Early Childhood Scholarships Program offers (before tax):

- \$25,000 towards an approved undergraduate qualification
- \$12,000 towards an approved graduate diploma qualification
- \$18,000 towards an approved master's qualification.

Early Childhood Aboriginal Pathway Scholarship offers:

- \$34,000 towards an approved undergraduate qualification
- \$16,000 towards an approved graduate diploma qualification
- \$24,000 towards an approved masters qualification

Department of Education & Training – Secondary Teaching

<https://www.vic.gov.au/scholarships-secondary-teaching-degrees>

If you enrol in a Victorian secondary school teaching degree for the first time in 2024 or 2025, you could be eligible for a scholarship that pays you while you learn and can cover costs of your studies.

- A Victorian or designated border community resident domestic student. For the purposes of STS, this is defined as:
 - an Australian citizen, or
 - an Australian permanent resident, or
 - a New Zealand citizen living in Victoria, or
 - an Australian permanent humanitarian visa holder
- someone whose place of primary residence is in Victoria or a designated border community during completion of their eligible initial teacher education (ITE) degree (see below for a list of designated border communities).

- enrolled in a secondary or dual qualification (primary-secondary) school initial teacher education degree accredited by the VIT, or accredited by an equivalent regulatory State or Territory authority and recognised by the VIT, with a first census date between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025.
- have commenced their eligible program at the time of application.
- undertaking the eligible degree at a minimum of 50% study load (equivalent full-time study load – EFTSL) at the time of assessment.

Note: Victorian residents who are enrolled in a secondary or primary-secondary school ITE program at a non-Victorian ITE provider, and meet all other eligibility criteria, may apply for STS. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Department of Education.

Eligibility includes enrollees in both undergraduate and postgraduate Victorian secondary ITE programs.

Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships

<https://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships>

Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships support new undergraduate and postgraduate teaching students to meet the costs of their study in exchange for teaching in government schools or government-run early learning settings for a period of time after graduating from their degree.

Scholarships of up to \$40,000 per student are available for full-time undergraduate initial teacher education (ITE) students (\$10,000 per year for a four-year qualification) and up to \$20,000 for full-time postgraduate ITE students (\$10,000 per year for a two-year- qualification).

Applications are strongly encouraged from school leavers and career changers who meet the eligibility criteria and who are high-achieving students (with an ATAR of 80 or above or equivalent academic result), First Nations peoples, people for whom English is an additional language or dialect, people with disability, people from regional, rural or remote locations, mid-career professionals or people from low socio-economic backgrounds, who aspire to a rewarding career in teaching.

Eligibility:

- and individual located in Australia
- an Australian Citizen
- a permanent resident
- a holder of a humanitarian visa
- a New Zealand citizen living in Australia
- intend to enrol, or be enrolled, for full-time study in an accredited ITE program commencing in the first study period or semester of 2024
- not have commenced an accredited ITE program prior to the year the scholarship will be offered.
- be willing to commit to teaching for four years (undergraduate) or two years (postgraduate) in government schools or government-run early learning settings.

Scholarships will be available over five rounds from 2024 to 2028 with up to 1,000 scholarships per year to be offered. Please note, applications for round 2 have closed. To receive key dates and information about the program you can register for updates.

Agriculture and Environment



AgriFutures Australia

<https://agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/horizon-scholarship/>

The AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship is an initiative supporting students enrolled in full time study at an Australian university by providing a bursary of \$5000 per year for the final 2 years of your degree plus many other benefits.

Career Harvest

<https://www.careerharvest.com.au/scholarships>

The Career Harvest website lists a range of scholarships from all over Australia, including graduate, postgraduate and vocational scholarships.

Agriculture Victoria – Young Farmers Scholarships

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/networks/young-farmers/young-farmers-scholarships#h2-1>

The Young Farmers Upskill and Invest Scholarship offers up to \$10,000 per scholarship, including:

- up to \$5,000 towards study
- up to \$5,000 to invest in putting new skills into practice, with professional development, business planning or other on-farm activities.

The scholarship program is designed to be flexible and to fit with the demands and ambitions of young farmers and farm workers.

Eligibility

- Be aged 18 to 35 years old at the time of the application close date
- Be working in a food and fibre farm business in Victoria at least three days per week for the past three months
- Have at least two years of total experience on-farm
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently residing in Victoria.

Gardiner Dairy Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts/>

The Gardiner Foundation offers tertiary scholarships to up to seven individuals residing in Victorian dairy communities. Students must be commencing studies in 2025 on campus to pursue a career that will either directly benefit the dairy industry and/or benefit dairy communities. Each scholarship is worth \$10,000 per year and is available for the first three years of a scholar's University or TAFE course.

Building and Construction

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

<https://www.aiqs.com.au/news/scholarship-applications-are-now-open-2026>

AIQS offers a number of scholarships each year for year 12 students and early school leavers who qualify for entry into a construction management degree that is AIQS-accredited and in Australia.

Year 12 students are encouraged to apply if they are interested in commencing a construction management degree next year.

Building and Construction Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.buildingandconstructionfoundation.org.au/scholarships/>

The Foundation provides financial assistance to individuals through three scholarships. Applications are received on a rolling basis (no deadlines).

(1) Early Career; (2) Career Advancement; and (3) Leadership scholarships.

Early Career Scholarship – \$2,200

This scholarship is best for those new to the industry. It is available to you if you would like to undertake a pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship or other construction-related training. The funds are split into two:

\$1,200 towards approved course fees, plus
\$1,000 towards quality tools relevant to your trade

Previous successful applicants have used these funds towards an array of qualifications including Certificate II in Electrotechnology, Certificate III in Carpentry and Level 1 and 2 AutoCAD training.

Business and Management

Real Insurance – Real Futures Grant

<https://www.realinsurance.com.au/grants/real-futures-grant>

To be eligible, you must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Australian Tertiary Education Institution and be studying for a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship in any of the following areas:

Business	Including any business-related courses from any institution.
Finance	Including actuarial, statistics, accounting and general finance courses.

Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand

<https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/scholarships>

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand offers a variety of scholarships to students currently at university or who are committed to the CA Program. These scholarships offer financial support to candidates to help them succeed in their accounting career.

Languages and Humanities

Mangold Study Abroad Scholarships

<https://mangoldtrust.org.au/study-abroad/>

The Walter Mangold Language Scholarships are generous travel awards offered to students of contemporary languages currently attending a university in Victoria, who are nominated and approved for an exchange or study abroad program to continue their accredited language and cultural studies overseas for at least one semester (12 weeks' minimum).

2025 Round 2 Applications

- Open 1st September
- Close 19th September

2026 Round 1 Applications

- Open 16th March
- Close 3rd April

Law

Law Council of Australia

<https://lawcouncil.au/about-us/scholarships>

The Law Council of Australia lists various scholarships available to students studying law including:

- [The John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship](#)
- [The Gaire Blunt Scholarship](#)
- [The Santow Scholarship](#)
- [The Forsyth/Pose Scholarship](#)

Roberts Gray Lawyers Scholarship Program

<https://www.robertsgray.com.au/scholarship/>

Robert Gray Lawyers is offering an annual \$5,000 scholarship to an Australian Law student to support pursuit of excellence in law. Consideration will be given to supporting students who are addressing disadvantage and/or overcoming adversity.

RSPCA Sybil Emslie Animal Law Scholarship

<https://www.rspca.org.au/what-we-do/our-role-in-animal-welfare-science/scholarships>

The RSPCA Sybil Emslie Animal Law Scholarship is intended to celebrate Sybil Emslie's life-long commitment to the care and protection of animals by encouraging legal scholarship and practice dedicated to advancing animal welfare. The \$1,000 annual scholarship will be awarded to a law student or lawyer who has a strong academic record and a commitment to the practice of animal law through active and substantial engagement with animal law and animal protection organisations and initiatives.

Science, Mathematics and Engineering

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

<https://scholars.westpacgroup.com.au/scholarships/young-technologists/#section2>

To apply, students must have completed the appropriate level of education to gain university entrance within the last 2 years. Students must enrol in an approved STEM related degree at one of five partner universities. Partner institutions are University of Wollongong, Queensland University of Technology, RMIT University, Murdoch University and Western Sydney University.

Women in STEM

<https://www.womenofstem.com.au/about>

This scholarship will be offered to young women aged 18–20 who are studying a degree in a STEM related field. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide the chosen applicants with financial aid to be used for general living expenses, course expenses, textbooks, extracurricular or any additional education. The recipient must be actively enrolled and studying during the duration of the scholarship.

Defence Women in STEM

<https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/partner-with-us/university/scholarships/women-in-stem>

The Defence Women in STEM Undergraduate Scholarships are aimed at encouraging high-performing women to continue their university study in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields and improve the representation of women in the STEM workforce. These scholarships are sponsored by the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG).

CSIRO Scholarships

<https://jobs.csiro.au/go/Students/990500/>

The CSIRO scholarship and postgraduate programs provide the future generation of scientists with the opportunity to launch their scientific careers working alongside leading scientists in world class facilities to deliver real world solutions. Opportunities include an annual vacation scholarship program (advertised in July) for undergraduates and a variety of postgraduate scholarships.

Other Scholarships

Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT)

<https://avcat.org.au/scholarships/>

AVCAT offers scholarships for Australian residents who are children or grandchildren of ex-serving veterans.

Eligibility:

- Australian residency status
- Planning to enrol or enrolled in a tertiary course of study for one or more academic years at a university, TAFE or a registered training organisation in Australia.
- Be studying or planning to study full-time, online or face-to-face.
- If an applicant has received a Long Tan Bursary, they cannot be considered for another Long Tan Bursary.
- In receipt of, or eligible to receive, a means-tested Commonwealth educational benefit – Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, Austudy or Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES).
- Be a child or a grandchild of an ex-serving veteran.
- The veteran must be an Australian ex-serving veteran with operational service including eligible war service, war-like service and peacekeeping/peacemaking service OR 3 or more continuous years of full-time other service, as a member of the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force.

Applications open on 18 August 2025.

Commonwealth Prac Payments (CPP)

<https://www.education.gov.au/higher-education/commonwealth-prac-payment>

The new Commonwealth Prac Payments has been established to help teaching, nursing, midwifery and social work students manage to cost of undertaking mandatory placements.

These payments can be applied for via your university.

Graduate Women Victoria

<https://gradwomenvic.org.au/scholarships/>

Graduate Women Victoria offers an annual program of scholarships and bursaries for women and non-binary/gender-diverse students enrolled in universities in Victoria.

Scholarships and bursaries are normally offered in five categories:

- Indigenous undergraduates
- Fourth Year Honours Arts
- Education – Masters degree
- Masters Coursework, Masters Extended and Masters Research students.
- PhD and doctoral degree students.

RMHC Charlie Bell Scholarships

<https://rmhc.org.au/what-we-do/learning-program/#:~:text=About%20our%20Charlie%20Bell%20Scholarship&text=By%20awarding%20one%20of%20grants,there%20to%20help%20them%20succeed.>

A serious illness or injury can make life stand still. Making any progress can feel almost impossible. That's why the Charlie Bell Scholarship program exists. One-off grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to deserving young people, we're giving them the chance to get their schooling or career back on track.

Eligibility:

- You need to be between 15–20 yrs of age (permission from a parent or guardian is required for children under the age of 18)
- You need to have been treated at a Children's Hospital for serious illness or injury
- You must be eligible to attend a tertiary or vocational institution such as University, or TAFE

Youth Off The Streets Scholarship

<https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/get-support/national-scholarship-program/>

Every year, over 25 young people from across Australia are awarded a Youth Off The Streets scholarship. These scholarships are for students who can demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility:

- Must be between aged 16 to 21
- Must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand
- The young person must have a clear need for financial assistance and be studying in Australia for the two year period of the program.
- The young person must convey their genuine talent, ability and determination in any education or training course.

The Francis Gregory Foundation

<https://www.francisgregory.org.au/about-the-scholarship>

The Francis Gregory Foundation was established in 2012 to provide financial support to children of primary producers to assist them to undertake university undergraduate education by reducing financial barriers.

The Foundation will provide two scholarships of \$6,000 per annum (for the duration of the undergraduate degree) to students whose main family income is derived from primary production.

In order to be considered for a scholarship, a student must:

- Be an Australian citizen
- Be a registered VCE student and achieve a minimum ATAR score of 80
- Be a resident of Victoria in an FZ zone (as defined by Victorian Government Department of Planning and Community Development) and reside on the land producing the family income
- Be the child of parents who own and/or operate the property from which the main family income is derived. (Please note that dependents of farm employees are not eligible for this scholarship.)
- Have demonstrated financial hardship in relation to pursuing university study

Australia Awards

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-scholarships>

These awards provide opportunities for people from developing countries, particularly those countries located in the Indo-Pacific region, to undertake full time undergraduate or postgraduate study at participating Australian universities and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions.

Vision Impairment

Vision Australia Bursary

<https://www.visionaustralia.org/services/funding/other-funding/further-education-bursary#eligibility-criteria>

Each year, Vision Australia awards Further Education Bursaries to a select number of students who are blind or have low vision. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help the students fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies. Eligibility criteria applies.

Expressions of interest for the 2026 bursary must be lodged no later than Monday, September 15, 2025.

Applications close strictly on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Search Engines

Country Education Foundation of Victoria

<https://cef.org.au/student-support/search-for-scholarships/>

Website has a search engine where you can search for scholarships based on your requirements.

Indigenous Pathways Portal

<https://aurorafoundation.com.au/our-work/indigenous-pathways-portal/>

This portal lists scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Scholarships are easily filtered in the scholarship search section.

Good Universities Guide

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>

This website provides a comprehensive listing of scholarships which you can browse via their search engine.

Scholarships Accessible through VTAC

<https://vtac.edu.au/access/scholarships/available.html>

This page lists all the University, Commonwealth and Access/Equity scholarships that can be applied for through VTAC.

University & TAFE Scholarship Listings

These pages will give you scholarship information specific to each institution.

ACU	https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/fees-and-scholarships/find-a-scholarship
Charles Sturt University	https://study.csu.edu.au/apply/scholarships-grants
Deakin University	https://www.deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship
Federation University	https://federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships
Latrobe University	https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/scholarships
Monash University	https://www.monash.edu/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships
RMIT	https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships
Swinburne University of Technology	https://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/scholarships/list/
University of Melbourne	https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/

Victoria University	https://www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/fees-scholarships/scholarships
William Angliss	https://www.angliss.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/
Chisholm	https://www.chisholm.edu.au/about-us/caroline-chisholm-education-foundation/scholarships
Holmesglen	https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Fees/How-to-pay-for-your-course/Scholarships/
Kangan Institute	https://www.kangan.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/scholarships
Melbourne Polytechnic	https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/students/scholarships/search-for-a-scholarship/?



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