



## APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS IN FOUR EASY STEPS

### Introduction

Each year, millions of dollars in scholarships are awarded to students by various organisations such as tertiary institutions, Government, societies and businesses.

There are many types of scholarships, which have different eligibility criteria, selection criteria, and methods of applying. There isn't a central resource you can use to find every single scholarship you may be eligible for.

You will need to take time to search through:

- Government websites
- Tertiary institute websites and scholarship brochures
- Good Universities Guide – scholarship portal, [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships)
- Internet search engines
- Tertiary Admissions Centres – websites and scholarship brochures

This may take you a considerable amount of time, but it will be worth it if you can secure a scholarship, especially if you have to move away from home to study.

The following is four steps you can take to research your scholarships options.

# STEP 1

## SERVICES AUSTRALIA



If you are planning to study at university or TAFE full time, you may be eligible for financial support from Services Australia in the form of payments, a loan, a scholarship, or one-off payment, <https://bit.ly/3NLZd3u>

**Payments:** you may be eligible for a payment such as Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY, or you may currently receive one of these payments. Your eligibility will depend on a number of factors which may include your:

- parent/s combined income, assets and means.
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- location and if you are living at home.

**Loan and scholarship:** If you're eligible for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance, you may be eligible for the Student Start-up Loan or the Relocation Scholarship (information is listed below).

**Tertiary Access Payment:** is a one off payment of up to \$5000 if you have to move away from a regional or remote area to study.

### Student Start-up Loan

If you're a university student, you can apply for a tax free Student Start-up Loan up to twice a year (2023 rate = \$1,201).

You must be receiving a benefit such as Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

You apply to Centrelink for this loan and you will have to pay it back once you start earning a certain amount of income.

Information: <http://bit.ly/28WsHeM>

### Relocation Scholarship

If you have to move away to study your course either from or to a regional area, you may be eligible for the annual Relocation Scholarship.

To be eligible, you must be receiving the dependant rate of Youth Allowance, have a special reason why you receive the Independent Youth Allowance, or receive ABSTUDY (in some circumstances).

If you are eligible, you will receive this scholarship automatically, so you won't need to apply for it.

Information: <http://bit.ly/1MaHRom>

# STEP 2

## TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRES



You can apply for scholarships via some state-based tertiary admission centres. Below is information for Victoria and New South Wales/Canberra.

### Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) – Victorian courses

The majority of university courses in Victoria are applied for via VTAC. Most universities enable you to apply for access and equity, Commonwealth Indigenous, and academic merit scholarships through completing the Scholarships form on the VTAC website.

The form collects personal information that assists the universities to assess your eligibility.

Australian Catholic University, University of Melbourne, and Federation University have alternative application methods.

#### Application Process

- From Monday 31 July, create a VTAC account via [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and apply for at least one course (timely applications close Thursday 28 September).
- Within your VTAC account, click on the Scholarships link.
- Fill out each section and click submit
- Post any evidence required to VTAC by Friday 6 October using the correct cover sheets or upload it to your account.

Information: [www.vtac.edu.au/access/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/access/)

### Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) NSW and Canberra courses

The majority of university courses in NSW and ACT are applied for via UAC. Participating universities enable you to apply for their equity scholarships via UAC through completing the online Equity Scholarships form.

The form collects personal information that assists the universities to assess your eligibility.

Note: if you applied directly to a university through an early entry program, you may still need to apply for some of the institutes scholarships via UAC. For example, Charles Sturt University and University of Wollongong.

#### Application Process

- Apply for courses via [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) (timely applications close 29 September).
- Complete the Equity Scholarships application form via UAC and save your Equity Scholarships ID and pin
- Upload required documents and evidence by 8 December for the December Round 2 offer round.

Information, <https://bit.ly/3bAjxzT>

# STEP 3

## INSTITUTION SCHOLARSHIPS



Each institution you apply for will have scholarships listed on their website. You simply put the name of the institution and the word 'scholarships' into an Internet search engine and the link should come straight up- e.g., "RMIT scholarships".

You will need to search through the scholarships that are relevant to you. These could include- undergraduate, faculty (e.g., health), campus, memorial, bequeathed, accommodation etc.

You will need to read over each one, checking the eligibility criteria and how to apply. There will be different closing dates and methods on how to apply for each university.

### Steps

Set up an Excel file or Word document and set headings such as university name, scholarship name, eligibility, open date, close date, documents/evidence required, application method. Then do the following to find the scholarships.

- Go to the scholarships homepage of the institutions you've applied to and explore your options. If you find a scholarship, research how to apply for it.
- If it says you have to apply via VTAC or UAC, you have already done this through step 2.
- If you need to apply for the scholarship directly to the university, you may have to apply via an application form or online portal.
- Use your Excel file or Word document to keep on track.



# STEP 4

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS



Once you've exhausted your options through Centrelink, Tertiary Admission Centres, and the institutions you have applied for, you will need to find other scholarships floating around in cyber space. A central scholarships database is available through the Good Universities Guide website, <http://bit.ly/1lm4WPd>

The following pages contain examples of scholarships you may be eligible for.

Scholarship	Information	Application
<b>Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust</b>	For children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women. This scheme covers several scholarships. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.	Open 18 August 2023 Close 31 October 2023 <a href="https://avcat.org.au/">https://avcat.org.au/</a>
<b>Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship</b>	For students applying to one of the following 5 universities and who are passionate about technology, IT and science: RMIT University, the University of Wollongong, Queensland University of Technology, Murdoch University, Western Sydney University.	Open 4 September 2023 Close 15 January 2024 <a href="https://scholars.westpacgroup.com.au/">https://scholars.westpacgroup.com.au/</a>
<b>Pharmacy Programs Administrator</b>	Includes the following scholarships: Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme	Open November 2023 <a href="http://www.ppaonline.com.au/programs">www.ppaonline.com.au/programs</a>
<b>Give Them Wings</b>	For regional and remote students studying their first year of a nursing or allied health degree.	Open March 2024 <a href="http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au">www.flyingdoctor.org.au</a>
<b>Destination Australia Scholarship</b>	For students applying to eligible tertiary institutes. The list of eligible institutes will be released in 2024.	Opens 2024 <a href="http://www.dese.gov.au/destination-australia">www.dese.gov.au/destination-australia</a>
<b>Bendigo Bank Scholarships</b>	Includes the following scholarships: Bendigo Bank Indigenous Scholarship Bendigo Bank TAFE Scholarship for rural and regional students Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Uni Scholarship for rural and regional students Community Bank Scholarships Rural Bank Agribusiness Scholarships	Open 1 December 2023 <a href="https://bit.ly/35XEbit">https://bit.ly/35XEbit</a>
<b>A Start in Life</b>	For students who may not be able to afford the costs associated with university study. Must be able to demonstrate financial need. Note – must reside in NSW or Canberra.	Contact the organisation for information <a href="http://www.astartinlife.org.au">www.astartinlife.org.au</a>

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<b>George Alexander Foundation Scholarship</b>	For students who would like to study an undergraduate course at one of 12 eligible universities in 2024.	Each university has their own eligibility criteria and application dates <a href="http://www.georgealexander.org.au">www.georgealexander.org.au</a>
<b>Youth Off the Streets National Scholarship Program</b>	For students planning to study at TAFE or university in 2024. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.	Contact the organisation for information <a href="https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/">https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/</a>
<b>Young Farmers Scholarships</b>	For students planning to study a TAFE or university course in agriculture in 2024.	Applications are currently closed. Bookmark the following page and check regularly <a href="https://bit.ly/3eFbLt1">https://bit.ly/3eFbLt1</a>
<b>Gardiner Dairy Foundation</b>	For students planning to study a TAFE or university course in agriculture. Focussed on the dairy industry.	Close November 2023 (TBC) <a href="http://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au">www.gardinerfoundation.com.au</a>
<b>Francis Gregory Foundation</b>	For students whose family income is derived from primary production. Must live in Victoria and be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage.	Open November 2023 (TBC) Close 6 January 2024 (TBC) <a href="http://www.francisgregory.org.au">www.francisgregory.org.au</a>
<b>Victoria Department of Education and Training</b>	For students currently in Year 12 planning to study full time in 2024. There are various scholarships each with their own selection criteria.	View the scholarships via <a href="https://bit.ly/3JPdXMM">https://bit.ly/3JPdXMM</a>
<b>Tertiary Access Payment</b>	One off payment to help students with the cost of moving from regional or remote areas for tertiary study. Parents must earn less than \$250,000 combined and you must be going into tertiary study straight (Certificate IV+) after Year 12 and not taking a gap year.	Apply during first year of study in 2024 <a href="https://bit.ly/3rZfiIL">https://bit.ly/3rZfiIL</a>
<b>Master Builders Association. Building and Construction Foundation</b>	Scholarships are available for students who want to study at TAFE or university in the field of construction. Includes pre-apprenticeships.	Application forms are on the website <a href="https://bit.ly/3s2wZXY">https://bit.ly/3s2wZXY</a>
<b>Australian College of Nursing</b>	Aged Care Scholarships: Undergraduate and Vocational Education and Training. For students planning to study either a Diploma of Nursing or a Bachelor of Nursing in 2024 and can demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a nursing career with a focus on aged care.  Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme: for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students planning to study an allied health course such as dentistry, oral health, psychology, nursing, midwifery, medicine, physiotherapy, social work etc.	Applications will open soon <a href="http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships">www.acn.edu.au/scholarships</a>
<b>Australian Seniors Aged Care Grant</b>	For students who are studying a TAFE or university course that will lead to work in aged care.	Applications will open in 2024 <a href="http://www.seniors.com.au/grants/">www.seniors.com.au/grants/</a>
<b>NSW Rural Doctors Network</b>	Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships – for students studying a course such as medicine, nursing, or midwifery.	Applications will open in 2024 <a href="http://www.nswrdn.com.au">www.nswrdn.com.au</a>

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<b>Indigenous Allied Health Australia</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Optometry Student Scholarship.	Contact the organisation for information, <a href="https://iaha.com.au/membersarea">https://iaha.com.au/membersarea</a>
<b>NSW Health</b>	Includes the following scholarships: NSW Health Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program NSW Health Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Undergraduate Scholarships Enrolled nurse scholarships 2024 Rural Undergraduate Scholarships	Applications will open in 2024 <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship">www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship</a>
<b>McDonalds</b>	Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders: for students who are McDonald's employees and will be starting a university degree in 2024.	Applications will open in November 2023 (TBC), <a href="http://bit.ly/1LI5Zb6">http://bit.ly/1LI5Zb6</a>
<b>Society of the Catholic Apostolate</b>	For Indigenous students who are active members of the Catholic Church, who are planning to study any degree at university in 2024.	Applications close 30 September 2023 <a href="http://bit.ly/2boGU3P">http://bit.ly/2boGU3P</a>