

# APPLYING FOR 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

Tertiary institute scholarship brochures

Good Universities Guide search

Internet search engines

Tertiary Admission Centre websites

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. Your parents/guardians may be able to assist you with sourcing scholarships.

### STEP 1 - CENTRELINK

If you are eligible for a Centrelink benefit such as **Youth Allowance**, you may be eligible to receive the **Student Start-up Loan**, <http://bit.ly/28WsHeM>

If you have to move more than 90kms away to study your course either from or to a regional area and you receive the **dependant rate** of Youth Allowance, you may be eligible for the **Relocation Scholarship**, <http://bit.ly/1MaHRom>

Ring the Centrelink Youth and Student Services line on 132 490 and ask them for an appointment with your parents/guardians to find out if you are eligible for either.

#### COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Student Start-up Loan, Relocation Scholarship

#### ELIGIBLE – YES

Currently receiving or will be eligible for a Centrelink benefit by March 2018.

There are several factors that will determine your eligibility for the Relocation Scholarship.

Loan – you will need to apply directly to Centrelink

Scholarship - will come to you automatically through Centrelink

#### ELIGIBLE – NO

Make the decision if you want to defer your course and try and qualify for Independent Youth Allowance through working.

There are many factors that will determine your eligibility.

Please get advice directly from Centrelink and an accountant.



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## STEP 2 - TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRES (TACS)

### 2A) VTAC - VICTORIAN COURSES

**Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC):** The majority of university courses in Victoria are applied for via VTAC. Most universities enable you to apply for selected access and equity scholarships through completing the Scholarships form on the VTAC website. The actual scholarships aren't listed on the site and you don't need to know if you are eligible for them. Apply for Australian Catholic University via UAC.

### 2B) UAC - NSW AND ACT COURSES

**Universities Admissions Centre (UAC):** 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.

#### ELIGIBLE – VTAC

- Apply through [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) by 13 October.
- Log in to your VTAC Account. Enter your VTAC ID number and pin.
- Click on Scholarships.
- Fill out each section and click submit.
- Post any required evidence to VTAC by 13 October using the scholarship document cover sheet or upload it.

#### ELIGIBLE – UAC

- Apply through <http://bit.ly/1GQqvde> by 29 September.
- Follow the links and you will receive an Equity Scholarships ID and pin.
- Fill out each section and click submit. Download any required paper work for evidence.
- Upload/post the paper work by the 29th of September.

### 2C) OTHER TACS

To apply for university scholarships in other states, use the following links:

- Queensland – the majority of scholarships are applied for directly to the institutions - <http://bit.ly/2aX9POr>
- Tasmania – apply directly to the University of Tasmania, <http://bit.ly/1DoDMym>
- Western Australia, apply directly to the institutions, <http://bit.ly/2aUQDR9>
- Northern Territory, apply directly to Charles Darwin University, <http://bit.ly/2ay05nP>
- South Australia, <http://bit.ly/2amI5CF>

## EXAMPLES

#### **Rural Pharmacy Scholarship:**

For rural students who would like to study Pharmacy in 2018 at any Australian university, <http://bit.ly/1LXoHBn>

#### **Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme:**

For Indigenous students applying for allied health courses such as dentistry/oral health, medicine, nursing and midwifery, <http://bit.ly/2beAhzA>

**Give Them Wings:** For regional and remote students studying their first year of a nursing or allied health degree, <http://bit.ly/1hHDzIq>

#### **Pallotine Aboriginal Scholarships:**

For Indigenous students who are active members of the Catholic Church, who are planning to study any degree at university. Applications close 30 September, <http://bit.ly/2boGU3P>

#### **Indigenous Cadetship Support:**

For an indigenous person studying at TAFE or university in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2bNzEzL>

#### **Mary Mackillop Foundation**

**Scholarships and Bursaries:** For an indigenous person studying at TAFE or university in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2bNzEzL>

#### **George Alexander Foundation**

**Scholarship:** for students who would like to study an undergraduate course at one of 12 universities in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2c6qlaC>

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## 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.

Go to the scholarships homepage of the institutions you have applied to and explore your options. If you find a scholarship, find out how to apply for it.

If it says you need to apply through VTAC or UAC, you have already done this through step 2

Direct Entry: You will need to apply for the scholarship directly to the university. You may have to apply via an application form or online portal.

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## STEP 4: OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Once you have exhausted your options through Centrelink, Tertiary Admission Centres, and the institutions you have applied for, you will need to find all the other scholarships floating around in cyber space.

There are all kinds- everything from the Defence Force to the Timber Merchants Association to Industry Cadetships.

A central scholarships database is available through the Good Universities Guide website, <http://bit.ly/1Im4WPd>

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**Bradman Scholarship:** For students who would like to continue their cricket commitments whilst studying any course at university. Applications close 28 February 2018, <http://bit.ly/2bvUu79>

**Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders:** For students who are McDonald's employees and will be starting a University degree in Semester 2018. Applications are yet to open, <http://bit.ly/1LI5Zb6>

**Dafydd Lewis:** For boys who have attended a state Victorian school and will be studying at a Victorian university in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2b9VfSP>

**Mary Jane Lewis Foundation Scholarship:** For female students who have attended a state Victorian school and would like to study at university in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2vhD1rU>

**Frederick Richard O'Connell Scholarship:** For children of either employees or directors/proprietors of members companies of the Timber Merchants' Association Victoria, <http://bit.ly/2bHO01r>

**Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarships:** For regional and rural students studying any degree, <http://bit.ly/2bHMegZ>

**Australian Veterans' Childrens Assistance Trust:** For children and grandchildren of ex servicemen and women. This scheme covers several scholarships, <http://bit.ly/2bv3x63>

**A Start in Life:** For students who may not be able to afford the costs associated with university study, <http://bit.ly/1TuEzB4>



## SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

### Commonwealth

Centrelink scholarships- must be receiving an approved allowance (i.e., Youth Allowance).

Student Start-up Loan: If eligible, you can apply to receive just over \$1000 per semester, <http://bit.ly/28WsHeM>

Relocation Scholarship: For students who have to move either from or to a regional area to study. Strict eligibility criteria, <http://bit.ly/1MaHRom>

### State and Local Government

In areas of skill shortages, sometimes State and Local Governments will offer scholarships.

For example, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development offer scholarships for students living in Victoria who would like to study at university.

You find this information on the State and Local Government websites.

### Memorial

There are numerous memorial and personally sponsored scholarships all over the country. It is difficult to find all the ones relevant to you, but a good place to start is the institute website.

### Bonded

Some institutions offer bonded scholarships, where you enter into a contract stating that you will meet certain obligations in return for the scholarship. For example, you may be bonded to work for a certain company or work in a rural area for a period of time once you complete your course. You will find information about these scholarships on institution websites.

### Institution

Institutions usually have several categories of scholarships.

- Access/Equity/Diversity: For students from disadvantaged backgrounds. You generally apply through VTAC/UAC for these scholarships.
- Indigenous
- Academic Merit/Excellence: You often don't need to apply for these scholarships, as you will be automatically considered based on your ATAR.
- Course Scholarship: The course you would like to apply for may have its own scholarship.
- Campus: Some universities offer campus wide scholarships.
- Faculty Scholarships: Faculties often have their own scholarships to enable access to their courses
- Rural/Regional Scholarships: Aims to encourage students from regional areas to apply for their courses.
- Sport Scholarships: For talented and elite athletes.
- Accommodation Scholarships: Many student colleges and residences have scholarships.

### Industry/Cooperative

Some industry bodies/companies/sectors can offer sponsorships and cooperative scholarships at selected or multiple institutions. There are usually more industry scholarships offered in study areas of national skills shortages such as nursing, engineering and IT.

You can contact industry bodies yourself and ask if they will sponsor you for some of your course fees. They may make a donation or provide some paid work experience. You will find information about these scholarships on institution websites.

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### The Pinnacle Foundation

**Scholarships:** For LGBTQI students who will be undertaking tertiary study in 2018. There are several scholarships available and applications close 1 October 2017, <http://bit.ly/2aXSL6q>

### Vision Australia Further Education

**Bursary:** For young people who are vision impaired, are a member of Vision Australia and will be studying at TAFE or university in 2018. Applications close 31 October 2017, <http://bit.ly/1R20Sg3>

### Youth Off the Streets National Scholarship Program:

For young people who have a clear financial need to be able to study at TAFE or university in 2018, <http://bit.ly/2beQHbd>

### Horizon Scholarship:

For students planning to study a course relating to agriculture such as agricultural science, veterinary science, agribusiness etc, <http://bit.ly/1g7MfJF>

### Rural Finance Scholarship:

For Victorian students planning on studying a course related to agriculture at TAFE or university, <http://bit.ly/1uLlJA9>

### Victoria Department of Education and Training:

For students currently in Year 12 planning to study full time in 2018. There are various scholarships each with their own selection criteria, <http://bit.ly/21100Vl>