



# 2027 Scholarship GUIDE

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# Introduction

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Tertiary education has the power to transform lives. Whether through vocational education and training (TAFE) or university study, it provides opportunities for students to pursue their aspirations, build confidence, and develop the skills and knowledge that will support them throughout their careers and lives. Beyond individual benefits, tertiary education strengthens communities, drives innovation and economic growth, responds to workforce needs and helps build the long-term capacity and resilience of our region.

This Scholarship Guide has been developed by the Country Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast and the South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (SGBCLLEN). As valued partners, we foster collaboration between industry, schools, community, universities and TAFEs. It aims to support students considering study in 2027 by connecting them with financial assistance opportunities that can help make tertiary education more accessible, achievable and rewarding.



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# Country Universities Centre Bass Coast

CUC Bass Coast is a dedicated learning and study space that supports any student, studying any course, at any higher education institution in Australia. Students can connect with like-minded people and engage in a learning community while they study locally. We are focused on supporting the academic success of students and ensuring they have the tools to succeed in their higher education journey. Since 2021, CUC Bass Coast has supported over 600 students to achieve their higher education goals.

Registration is free, and students have access to the centre in Wonthaggi from 5am to midnight, 7 days per week. The wrap-around model of student services provides face-to-face academic, wellbeing, digital literacy and administrative support in a learning community, in addition to what each student's university or TAFE already provides.

For more information about how CUC can support your future higher education journey, visit [www.cucbasscoast.edu.au](http://www.cucbasscoast.edu.au)

## Dream big. Study local.



**Issacc**

Issacc chose to study paramedicine because he wanted to do something where he could make a meaningful difference in people's lives. "I've always been interested in the medical side of things, but the lifestyle, shift work, and being out on the road working as part of a team really appealed to me." Having access to CUC Bass Coast has played an important role in supporting his continued learning. "It's great to have the ability to come here, without the distractions of home, and be in an environment where others are studying too," he said.



**Gabby**

After completing her Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Australian Catholic University (ACU), Gabby transitioned into mental health and went on to complete a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health. She's now studying a Graduate Certificate in Child and Adolescent Mental Health to further support her work. "Studying 100% online while working full-time was tough at home, but CUC gave me a quiet, dedicated space with all the resources I needed." Outside of study, Gabby is also a yoga teacher and sound practitioner, with dreams of combining her passions into a holistic, evidence-based wellbeing practice.

# South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning Employment Network

South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN's burning ambition is that all young people have real, positive pathways for their future. SGBCLLEN focuses on supporting young people across South Gippsland and Bass Coast as they transition into future education, training and employment.

SGBCLLEN creates real-world learning experiences by partnering with local schools, industry, training providers and the community to showcase the opportunities available within our region. With a focus on helping young people make local connections, we assist young people to discover career opportunities they may not have previously considered, including pathways in trades, health, clean energy, hospitality, agriculture and more.



We support young people on their career journey through the delivery of career development programs and events. Our programs and events respond to workforce needs, raising awareness and understanding of local opportunities that help young people connect with their community while starting on their careers journey.

Events such as Speed Careers, Careers Connect, Inspiring Young People and our annual Careers Expo give young people the opportunity to explore a range of career pathways. Industry tours, work experience and structured workplace learning placements also allow students to actively engage with local industries. Branch Out Mentoring, is a peer-to-peer rural mentoring program targeting Year 12 school leavers focusing on transitioning support and life skills at this critical time. Through these experiences, young people gain valuable insight into the world of work while building confidence and workplace readiness.

For more information about the work of the South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN, visit [www.sgbcllen.org.au](http://www.sgbcllen.org.au)



# Scholarships overview

We know that many students aspire to go to university to gain a degree or go to TAFE and study towards a diploma, but for many students the cost makes this unattainable. Higher education isn't free, and to complete a Bachelor degree and if you have to live on campus, the fees can be more than \$20,000 a year. Though some TAFE courses are free, undertaking a Certificate IV or higher (including a Diploma or Advance Diploma) may mean you're eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarships exist to increase opportunities to access higher education, particularly as a regional student. Through Centrelink there are also the Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) and relocation scholarships that can support you to move away from home and have an on-campus university or TAFE experience.

This guide provides an overview of the scholarships that you may be able to apply for, including those specifically tailored to regional students.

## 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, education and health
- Scholarships for people from diverse backgrounds

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:

- **Commit** – Decide you want to apply for a scholarship
- **Seek help** – Ask for help with your application
- **Assess** – Find scholarships that you are eligible for
- **Research** – Look far and wide
- **Knowledge** – Know your audience/know what they are looking for
- **Awareness** – Pay attention to your competition
- **Quality** – Proofread everything!
- **Determination** – Perseverance pays off! If at first you don't succeed, apply again



## When Should You Apply for Scholarships?

Timing is Key! Each scholarship has different opening and closing dates, so it's essential to keep track of deadlines. At the time of producing this guide, many have not opened, but be sure to give yourself plenty of time to prepare your application, gather any required documents, and seek help from a trusted adult.

# Centrelink Assistance

## **Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)**

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one-off payment of up to \$5,000 for your first year of study. It helps eligible students with the cost of moving away for study. To get the payment you need to meet some rules. These include:

- Moving from a regional or remote area for tertiary study. You can check if your family home is in a regional or remote area using the [Student Regional Area Search](#).
- Moving to study at a tertiary education provider 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
- Being an Australian resident aged 22 years or younger on the day you start your course
- Studying a tertiary course at certificate IV or above in the 12 months immediately after completing year 12
- Parents / guardians earning under the current combined income limit of \$250,000.

\*Note: You can only claim this payment in your first year of tertiary study.

## **Relocation Scholarship**

You might also be eligible for 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 that requires you to relocate
- Meet the study rules
- Get at least \$1 of Youth Allowance as a student or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

## **Student Start-up Loan**

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary \$1,349 loan for eligible students who get Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. You can get the loan up to twice 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.

# VTAC Scholarships

## VTAC Scholarship Applications

Many Victorian universities use the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) to process scholarship applications, especially for first-time university students. Through VTAC, you can apply for scholarships based on:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Being the first in your family to attend university
- Indigenous Australian background
- Refugee or asylum seeker status
- Relocation for study
- Living on campus
- Experience in out-of-home care
- Disability or medical condition affecting education
- Difficult life circumstances impacting study
- Community service and leadership
- Commitment to regional & rural health (for Monash Gippsland students)

## How to apply via VTAC for Study in 2027

- 1 Go to the VTAC website - [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)
- 2 Complete your application, with additional information and documentation  
**Applications open 3 August 2026 and close at 5pm on 28 September 2026**
- 3 Create an account or log in to your existing account using your VTAC ID & PIN
- 4 Select 'Scholarship Application' in your VTAC user account (applications are online)
- 5 Enter your personal details and provide additional information if required.



Tip: Start your application early to give yourself the best chance of success!

# University Scholarships

The below links will give you scholarship information specific to each university.

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

# TAFE Scholarships

The below links will give you scholarship information specific to each institution.

William Angliss Institute	<a href="https://www.angliss.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/">https://www.angliss.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/</a>
Chisholm	<a href="https://www.chisholm.edu.au/about-us/caroline-chisholm-education-foundation/scholarships">https://www.chisholm.edu.au/about-us/caroline-chisholm-education-foundation/scholarships</a>
Holmesglen	<a href="https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Fees/How-to-pay-for-your-course/Scholarships/">https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Fees/How-to-pay-for-your-course/Scholarships/</a>
Kangan Institute	<a href="https://www.kangan.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/scholarships">https://www.kangan.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/scholarships</a>
Melbourne Polytechnic	<a href="https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/students/scholarships/search-for-a-scholarship/?">https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/students/scholarships/search-for-a-scholarship/?</a>
TAFE Gippsland	<a href="https://www.tafegippsland.edu.au/study_with_us/scholarships">https://www.tafegippsland.edu.au/study_with_us/scholarships</a>



TAFE (Technical and Further Education) courses offer practical, hands-on training to help you build skills, gain qualifications and find career opportunities. There are over 80 qualifications and short courses offered across Victoria at more than 90 campuses with state-of-the-art training facilities, Free TAFE makes it possible for you to build a rewarding career, and provides a pathway to further study. Find more information here.



# TAFE Scholarships

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The below refers to scholarship information specific to our local TAFE (TAFE Gippsland). Students should visit the [TAFE Gippsland scholarships webpage](#) for the exact opening and closing dates, full terms and conditions, and the online application form before applying.

## **Tim Weight Memorial Scholarship:**

The Tim Weight Memorial Scholarship is an annual TAFE Gippsland award that supports Gippsland-based students undertaking vocational training. It is designed to ease financial pressure by helping with costs such as tuition, study materials and everyday living expenses.

The scholarship is aimed at students who show strong commitment to their studies and are experiencing financial need. Successful applicants typically receive a one-off payment of \$2000. Applications usually open once per year, often towards the end of the calendar year for the following study year, with exact dates published on the TAFE Gippsland scholarships webpage.

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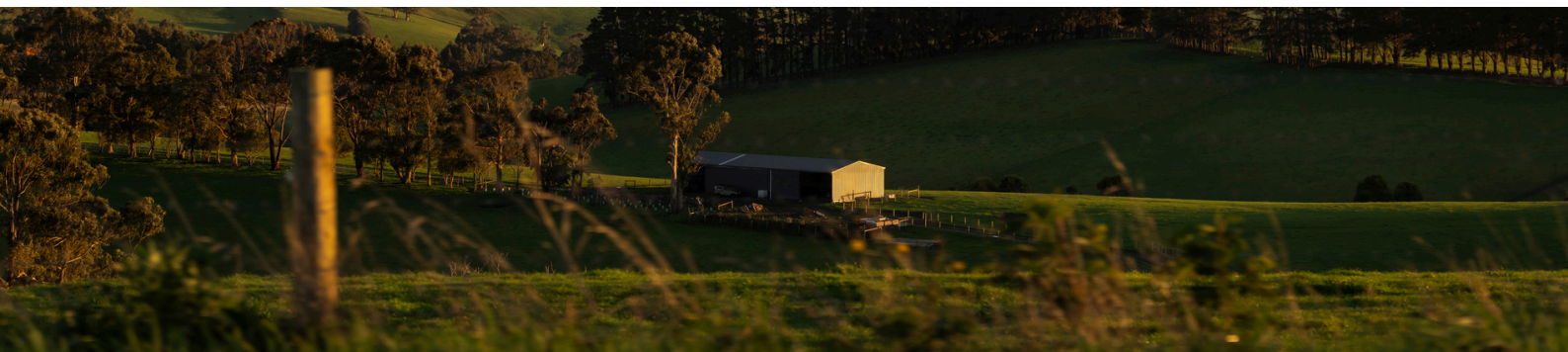
## **Placement Scholarship:**

The Placement Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$500 to help students with the extra costs of work placements, such as travel, accommodation, uniforms and equipment needed while on site.

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## **Technology Scholarship:**

The Technology Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$500 to help students cover the costs of digital tools required for their studies, such as laptops, hardware, software, and internet access; with up to 8 scholarships being awarded each year. Applications are submitted electronically through the online application portal, with opportunities typically in March and July.



### **Koorie Support Scholarship:**

The Koorie Support Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$500 to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students cover study costs, with up to four scholarships awarded annually. Funds can be issued via bank transfer or applied directly to tuition, materials, and services.

To qualify, applicants must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian citizen or permanent resident, experiencing financial hardship, and enrolled in a TAFE Gippsland course lasting six months or longer.

Applications are submitted online through the scholarships portal, with rounds typically opening in March and July.

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### **Koorie Academy of Excellence Scholarship:**

The Koorie Academy of Excellence Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$500 along with a laptop package to assist former program participants with study and travel expenses, helping to support cultural connection, academic achievement, and leadership.

To qualify, applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, former participants of the Koorie Academy of Excellence (KAE) program in the prior year and enrolled in a TAFE Gippsland course running for 6 months or longer.

Applications are submitted through the online scholarships portal, with opportunities generally opening across two main rounds each year (usually around March and mid-July).

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### **ESSO Wellington Scholarship:**

The ESSO Wellington Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$1,000 to assist vocational students facing financial hardship or educational barriers, helping to cover living expenses, travel, technology, or trade tools.

To qualify, applicants must live or work in the Wellington Shire (or study at a Sale campus), be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or valid visa holder, experience hardship, and be enrolled in a TAFE Gippsland course lasting six months or longer.

### **Do you know about the Saver Plus program?**

Join Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Build financial skills, develop life-long savings habits, and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs. It involves a 10-month savings program that provides financial education to help build essential skills for managing money and becoming a regular saver. Upon completion, ANZ will match your savings, up to \$500, for education-related costs for you.

### **BECON Construction Scholarship:**

The BECON Construction Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland, offered in partnership with Becon Constructions, provides a one-off payment of \$1000 to financially and practically support local trades learners; with up to 4 scholarships being awarded each year.

Applications are submitted electronically through the online application portal, with opportunities typically opening in early March and mid-July.

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### **Travel Scholarship:**

The Travel Scholarship at TAFE Gippsland provides a one-off payment of \$500 to help offset travel costs for regional students, with up to eight scholarships awarded annually to improve access to qualifications.

To qualify, applicants must live in a rural area, experience travel expenses to and from campus, be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or valid visa holder, and be enrolled in a TAFE Gippsland course lasting six months or longer (short courses and VDSS programs are excluded).

Applications are submitted online through the scholarships portal, with rounds typically opening in March and mid-July.

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### **Cubic Community Participation Scholarship:**

The Cubic Community Participation Scholarship provides a one-off payment of \$5,000 to support students actively involved in school clubs, volunteering, or community initiatives, with up to two scholarships awarded each year.

To qualify, applicants must be an Australian high school student in Year 11 or 12 (or a full-time tertiary student), actively engaged in extracurriculars, and passionate about making a positive community impact. Applications are submitted online and require a short 1–3 minute video outlining your community involvement and future goals. Submissions close on June 30. Students can check the Cubic Promote scholarships webpage for exact details, instructions, and terms before applying.



# Local Scholarships

## **Mirboo North & District Community Foundation**



The Education Support Awards focuses on assisting students going into tertiary education. It started back in 2013 with a focus on financial support for students. Since 2018, the program has also included opportunities for mentoring and leadership development through a collaboration with You thrive Victoria.

### Eligibility:

- Enrolled in or intending to enrol in their first year of a recognised course of study in the following year.
- Residents of, or people with, a strong demonstrable connection to the Mirboo North District (including Allambee, Berry's Creek, Boolarra, Budgeree, Childers, Darlimurla, Delburn, Dumbalk, Hallston, Mardan, Mirboo North, Mirboo, Narracan, Thorpdale and Yinnar and the many rural communities in between).
- Australian citizens, permanent residents and applicable visa holders

Keep an eye on websites for application dates.



## **Bendigo Bank - Community Bank Scholarships**



These scholarships are for students who reside in, or have attended a secondary school in, the local area of the relevant Community Bank branch offering a scholarship.

Some Community Bank branch scholarships may support studies at university or TAFE, whilst others may support studies at university only or TAFE only. It is suggested to contact the participating Community Bank branch for a copy of the fact sheet to see what's on offer.

You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Bendigo Community Bank Branches that have previously offered scholarships:

- Toora & Foster Branch - The Llew Vale Scholarship
- Mirboo North Branch
- Grantville & District Branch
- Inverloch & District Branch
- San Remo District.

Keep an eye on their social media or website for application dates.



### **Greenhills Community Benevolent Society – Education Scholarships**

Scholarships for Residents of Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong and Surrounding Areas. Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated aims to encourage local residents to attain tertiary qualifications.

Eligibility:

- Available to students attending an Australian university or tertiary institution
- Preference will be given to those studying full-time and those studying Certificate III and above
- Students must have a residential connection with Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong or surrounding areas

Applications for the scholarships will be accepted from July 1st each year.

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### **Greenhills Community Benevolent Society – Apprenticeship Scholarships**

Apprenticeship Scholarships for Residents of Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong and Surrounding Areas. Greenhills Community Benevolent Society Incorporated aims to encourage local residents to qualify in a trade.

Eligibility:

- Available to apprentices undertaking an apprenticeship in the current year
- Applicants must have a residential connection with Bena, Loch, Nyora, Poowong or surrounding areas

Apprenticeship scholarships will be accepted from July 1st each year.

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### **Saputo Dairy Australia – Supplier Scholarship Program**

The Supplier Scholarship Program is an initiative by Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) supporting the future leaders of the dairy industry.

Eligibility:

- Current farmer suppliers and their children who are;
- Enrolled or planning to enrol in the 2027 academic year
- Enrolled or planning to enrol in an eligible course of study at an accredited higher education establishment within Australia, with the intention of pursuing a career through your chosen course that will directly benefit the dairy industry.

Eligibility of courses will be determined by Saputo Dairy Australia on a case-by-case basis at its sole discretion. Preference is given to candidates studying in the fields of Agriculture, Animal Health and Handling, Veterinarian Science, Food Science, Nutrition, Commerce, Management or Communications.

Keep an eye on websites for application dates.

# Regional, Rural & Remote Scholarships

## **Youthrive Victoria (University Scholarships)**

Youthrive Victoria provides scholarships to Year 12 students with leadership potential who plan to attend university the following year.

Note: each rural/regional school can endorse a maximum of three applicants.

Selection criteria include:

- Leadership capacity or potential
- Financial need
- Desire to return to rural Victoria after graduation
- Community service
- Academic ability.



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## **Youthrive Victoria (Rural Chances Vocational Scholarships)**

Rural Chances scholarships are for young rural Victorians facing significant financial or social challenges, and those who want to, or who are studying at TAFE or undertaking an apprenticeship.

You can apply online and will need to submit either a written or video application.

Eligibility criteria:

- 16-24 years of age
- Centrelink health care card, or 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
- Planning to train in an area where there are skills shortages in rural/regional Victoria
- Willing to have a mentor supporting their learning
- Willing to be accountable for the use of scholarship funds
- Willing to participate in publicity/promotional material and research



# Scholarships by Study Area

## Agriculture & Environment

### **AgriFutures Australia**

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**

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

### **Agriculture Victoria – Young Farmers Scholarships**

To be eligible for the scholarship you must:

- Be aged 35 years or under 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**

The Gardiner Foundation offers tertiary scholarships to up to seven individuals residing in Victorian dairy communities. Students must be commencing studies in 2026 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 & Construction

## **Building and Construction Foundation 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 - \$2,500

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.

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.

## **Tradeswomen Australia (TWA) Scholarships**

Applications are open year-round for Tradeswomen Australia's 2027 Scholarship Program, supporting women and gender diverse apprentices and trainees in trade and construction pathways.

Tradeswomen Australia (TWA) Scholarship Program is designed to help women and gender diverse apprentices and trainees:

- Ease financial pressure so they can stay in the trade they love
- Access mentoring and tailored support services
- Build strong industry connections and networks
- Thrive, succeed, and complete their apprenticeship or traineeship with confidence

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from financial relief and a strong community of support, apply [here](#).



## Business & Management

### **Real Insurance - 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**

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.

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## Creative Arts

### **Australian Council for the Arts**

The Australian Council for the Arts offers a range of scholarships in the creative arts.



# Health, Nursing & Medicine

## **Rural Pharmacy Scholarship**

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.

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**

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

**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.

**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.

## **Australian College of Nursing (ACN)**

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. Additionally, the Puggy Hunter [First Nations health scholarship](#) targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying entry-level health courses.



Tip: Start your application early and keep an eye on application dates to give yourself the best chance of success! Each scholarship has different opening and closing dates, so it's essential to keep track of deadlines.

### **Real Insurance - Real Futures Grant**

To be eligible, you must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Australian Tertiary Education Institution and be studying 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.

### **Australian Nurses Memorial Centre**

Australian Nurses Memorial Centre (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 (RFDS) - Give Them Wings 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
- Be studying full time at a Victorian university campus
- Current reside in, or have grown up in, regional, rural or remote Victoria.

Additionally, eligible students must be enrolled in nursing or an Allied Health discipline. Eligible courses include, but are not limited to, Aboriginal health work, Dentistry and oral health, Medicine, Nursing and Midwifery, Optometry, Paramedics, Psychology and Mental Health fields, Social work and Speech pathology.

### **Australian Seniors Aged Care Grant**

To apply for the Australian Seniors Aged Care Futures Grant, entrants will need to write a long form description (maximum 650 words) on why you want to work in your selected industry and the difference you hope to make in your particular field of study.

Eligibility requirements:

- 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:
  - Aged Care
  - Aged Care Nursing
  - Dementia Care
  - Disability Care
  - Any other courses leading to similar careers as an Aged Carer
- Citizens or permanent residents of Australia can apply
- You must be 18 years of age or older to apply.

### **Indigenous Allied Health Australia**

Indigenous Allied Health Australia offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for indigenous students in various areas of health.

### **Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) Grants:**

RWAV offers a range of grants to support health professionals and students working or training in rural and regional Victoria. These grants aim to strengthen the rural health workforce by assisting with relocation, professional development, and postgraduate education.

Funding is available across multiple disciplines, including medical, nursing, allied health, and practice management, and supports both current professionals and students seeking rural placement opportunities. Eligibility and funding amounts vary depending on profession, career stage, and location, with applicants required to select their relevant category (e.g. public, private, or Aboriginal health sector) when applying.

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## **Languages & Humanities**

### **Walter Mangold Language Scholarships:**

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).

## Law

### **Law Council of Australia**

The Law Council of Australia lists various scholarships available to students. Visit their website to find out more.

### **Roberts Gray Lawyers Scholarship Program**

Roberts 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**

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.

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## Science, Mathematics & Engineering

### **Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship**

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.

### **Federation University - Iberdrola Australia Scholarships**

The Iberdrola Australia Scholarships will be offered annually to eight students studying at the Federation University Gippsland campus. The objectives of the scholarships are to:

- Encourage female participation in STEM studies
- Encourage local talent to remain local
- Support First Nations student opportunities through tertiary pathways to careers
- Create opportunities for students to pursue studies that otherwise might not be available to them.

## **Defence 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).

## **RSPCA**

RSPCA Australia offers three scholarships to encourage students to take an active interest in animal welfare issues, to support animal welfare research that might not otherwise attract funding, and to promote the objectives of the RSPCA within the research community.

## **CSIRO Scholarships**

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.

## **Women of STEM**

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.



# Education

## **Department of Education**

The Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships provide the opportunity for students to receive:

- Up to \$40,000 per student for full-time *undergraduate* students
- Up to \$20,000 per student for full-time *postgraduate* students

Note: successful applicants must sign a Scholarship Agreement to teach in a government school or early learning setting for a time equivalent to the length of your teaching degree.

## **Department of Education and Training Victoria**

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.

The Secondary Teaching Degrees Scholarships support students with the cost of studying and living. They are available to students enrolling in Victorian secondary school teaching degrees in 2025, with further payments if they work in Victorian government secondary or specialist school after graduation.

The Pre-service Teacher Placement Grants are also available for primary and secondary pre-service teachers (PST) undertaking placement in an eligible regional, remote or specialist Victorian government school.

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## Other Scholarships

### **Commonwealth Prac Payment (CPP)**

The Commonwealth Prac Payment offers social work, nursing and teaching students support while they're undertaking mandatory placements. Keep an eye on their website for updates on application details.

### **Country Women's Association (CWA)**

The CWA offers educational grants which are open to all. These grants include five Post-Secondary and Post-Graduate Awards. Keep an eye on their website for updates on application details.

## **Victorian Government Scholarships**

The Victorian Government offers a range of scholarships for school leavers planning to undertake future tertiary studies.

### **Bendigo Bank**

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank are committed to supporting young Australians. Each year they award scholarships to first year tertiary students. You need to be studying at an Australian University, College or TAFE campus for the first time. Keep an eye on their website for applications for Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Rural Bank, Bendigo Bank TAFE and Indigenous scholarships.

Bendigo Bank also offers Community Bank Scholarships for specific regions. You can search by postcode [here](#).

### **Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT)**

AVCAT offers scholarships for Australian residents who are children or grandchildren of ex-serving veterans. Applications open 18 August, so check the eligibility criteria below:

- 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
- 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 service as a member of the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force.

### **Graduate Women Victoria**

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**

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, giving them the chance to get their schooling or career back on track.

Eligibility:

- You need to be between 15-20 years 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**

Every year, over 20 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 aged between aged 16 to 21 years
- Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand
- Must have a clear need for financial assistance and be studying in Australia for the two-year period of the program.

### **The Francis Gregory Foundation**

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 dependents of farm employees are not eligible for this scholarship)
- Have demonstrated financial hardship in relation to pursuing university study.

## **Australia Awards**

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.

## **Society of the Catholic Apostolate**

The Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Trust provides scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who wish to undertake post-secondary studies. Successful applicants receive a grant to cover course fees, paid directly to their course provider.

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## **Vision Australia**

### **Vision Australia Bursary**

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 apply.

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## **Scholarship Search Engines**



**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**  
- Nelson Mandela

### **Country Education Foundation of Victoria**

The Country Education Foundation of Victoria website has a search engine where you can search for scholarships based on your requirements.

### **Indigenous Pathways Portal**

The Indigenous Pathways Portal lists scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Scholarships are easily filtered in the scholarship search section.

### **Good Universities Guide**

The Good Universities Guide website provides a comprehensive list of scholarships you can browse via their search engine.

# CUC Bass Coast Achievement Award

An annual award Presented to a Year 12 student from each of our local secondary schools, recognising their dedication, resilience, and commitment to study, while also inspiring others to set high standards.

The CUC Bass Coast Award recognises outstanding achievement, dedication, and commitment to learning. This reflects the spirit of CUC Bass Coast: to live, study, and achieve locally, while inspiring others to do the same. It's about celebrating the determination and hard work of local students and shining a light on what's possible when young people are supported to pursue their goals.



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“I am incredibly grateful to CUC for introducing this award across our local schools. Its an honor to have been recognised, and this will help with study expenses as I am hoping to study engineering.”

– Riley, Korumburra Secondary College  
Award recipient 2025

## 2025 Recipients





# Are you planning on studying at uni next year, and want to stay close to home?

## Join our local learning community

Country Universities Centre Bass Coast is a safe, secure study centre in Wonthaggi, offering flexible access from 5am to 12am, 7 days a week.

The Centre is well equipped and designed to facilitate study and learning at a higher education level. Students have access to a quiet, dedicated study space, dual-screen computers, high-speed internet, copying and printing facilities, as well as a student lounge and kitchen.

We also offer academic and administrative support, exam invigilation services and the opportunity to network with other students.

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