

# 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 and brochures, Internet search engines, Good Universities Guide scholarship search, and 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 'Students and Trainees' 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 2021.

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 earnings or hours worked.

There are many factors that will determine your eligibility.

Please get advice directly from Centrelink and an accountant.



## 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 scholarships aren't listed on the site. Australian Catholic University, University of Melbourne, and Federation University have alternative application methods, <https://bit.ly/3fGtTBw>

### 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, <https://bit.ly/3bAjxZT>

#### ELIGIBLE – VTAC

- Apply via [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) between 3 Aug - 9 Oct.
- Log in to your VTAC Account.
- Click on Scholarships.
- Fill out each section and click submit.
- Post any required evidence to VTAC by 9 October using the scholarship document cover sheet or upload it.

#### ELIGIBLE – UAC

- Apply via [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)  
Applications are open now for NSW students and from early August for Victorian students.
- 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 any required evidence to UAC by 17 November.

### 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/2aX9P0r>
- 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/2aml5CF>

## EXAMPLES

**Rural Pharmacy Scholarship:** For rural students who would like to study Pharmacy in 2021 at any Australian university, <https://bit.ly/367iKoS>

**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>

**George Alexander Foundation Scholarship:** for students who would like to study an undergraduate course at one of 12 universities in 2021, <http://bit.ly/2c6qlaC>

**Australian Veterans' Childrens Assistance Trust:** For children and grandchildren of ex servicemen and women. This scheme covers several scholarships and applications will open 18 August 2020, <http://bit.ly/2bv3x63>

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

## 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, and check 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.

## 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, <https://bit.ly/3bJm0y>



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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 2021, <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 2021. Applications are yet to open, <http://bit.ly/1LI5Zb6>

**Dafydd Lewis Trust:** For boys who have attended a state Victorian school and will be studying at a Victorian university in 2021, <https://bit.ly/369IEtn>

**Mary Jane Lewis Foundation Scholarship:** For female students who have attended a state Victorian school and would like to study at university in 2021, <http://bit.ly/2vhD1rU>

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

**Victoria Department of Education and Training:** For students currently in Year 12 planning to study full time in 2021. There are various scholarships each with their own selection criteria, <http://bit.ly/21I00VI>

**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 2021, <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>