

## Preparation

In Years 11 and 12, it's a good idea to get involved in different things — schoolwork, sport, clubs, community stuff, whatever fits you. It shows you've got a mix of skills and achievements when it's time to apply for scholarships. Keep a simple list of what you've done so you can quickly pull it all together when you're filling out your applications.

Even if you reckon you won't get a scholarship, chuck in an application anyway — you've got nothing to lose and heaps to gain. Here's some info to help you get started.

## Scholarship categories

Most scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

### Academic scholarships

- Awarded based on achievements during Years 11 and 12.
  - Criteria could include academic achievement alone or academic plus other achievements (e.g. community, sports, leadership involvement).

### Equity scholarships

- Institution and Commonwealth Government specific Equity scholarships.
- Various forms of disadvantage (e.g. disability) may be considered.
- May include financial assistance and/or adjustment factors to assist in gaining entry to courses.

### First Nations Peoples scholarships

- These apply specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- There are institution specific and Commonwealth Government First Nations Peoples scholarships.
- They may include adjustment factors, financial and/or pathway entry assistance.
- They can provide support to successfully help you to complete your study program.

### Sports scholarships

- These assist athletes to balance their studies with the demands of elite-level sport.
- Selection criteria include competing at state, national or international level.
- They may include adjustment factors to assist in gaining course entry and/or ongoing study support.

### Field of study/Specific Degree scholarships

- These are awarded based on academic merit.
- They are for course specific fields of study (e.g. Economics, Agriculture).

### Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships

- These assist regional and remote students throughout Australia.
- They aim to increase:
  - The number of rural and regional students entering tertiary education.
  - The number of students able to undertake their preferred course of study irrespective of their location.
  - Program participants rate of course completion.



### Campus scholarships

- These are awarded on academic merit to students applying to a Uni and/or campus specific courses.

### International student scholarships

- These are awarded to international students holding a visa to study in Australia.
- There are institution, organisation and Commonwealth Government scholarships available.

### Residential college scholarships

- Some university residential colleges offer scholarships.
- Normally they are awarded based on academic achievement.

### Industry/Organisation/Company scholarships

- These are awarded to students studying in a related field (e.g. Engineering, Surveying)
- Sometimes they provide employment during or at the completion of the course.

## Scholarship applications

- Queensland and interstate tertiary institutions have scholarship web pages with details about:
  - available scholarships
  - the value of each scholarship
  - selection criteria
  - application process including the application due date.
- Applications are mostly submitted online, usually from July – December
- Most scholarship applications are due from October to December (due dates can vary e.g: the **Tuckwell scholarship at ANU** closes on [14 April 2025](#)).
- Most institutions do not allow for late applications.

## Application tips

The following tips come from several institutions and successful applicants:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for to maximise your chances – You never know your luck!
- Follow the application directions exactly and answer all parts of each question (applicants who follow directions are highly regarded).
- **Don't** miss the closing date.
- Start preparing your application early. Always backup statements with examples.
- Do drafts – get feedback. Your final draft should be accurate, easily readable and logical.
- Include all requested documents.
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute.
- If you are asked to write about your achievements, include information such as awards gained, leadership experience (e.g. coaching), volunteering, community participation, teamwork, examples of using your initiative, your career aspirations and how the University course can help achieve them.
- Some institutions hold scholarship preparation workshops which are advertised on their websites.

## Other helpful websites

Most scholarship websites/pages are updated for the next year. It is up to you to regularly check these websites to be sure you are accessing the most up-to-date information.

### Queensland universities and TAFE

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Bond University Scholarships](#) and [Grants](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [James Cook University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [Southern Cross University](#)
- [TAFE Queensland](#)
- [The University of Queensland](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)

### Selected interstate universities

- [Canberra University](#)
- [Australian National University](#)
- [The University of Melbourne](#)
- [The University of New England](#)
- [The University of Sydney](#)
- [University of New South Wales](#)
- [University of Tasmania](#)

### Commonwealth Scholarships

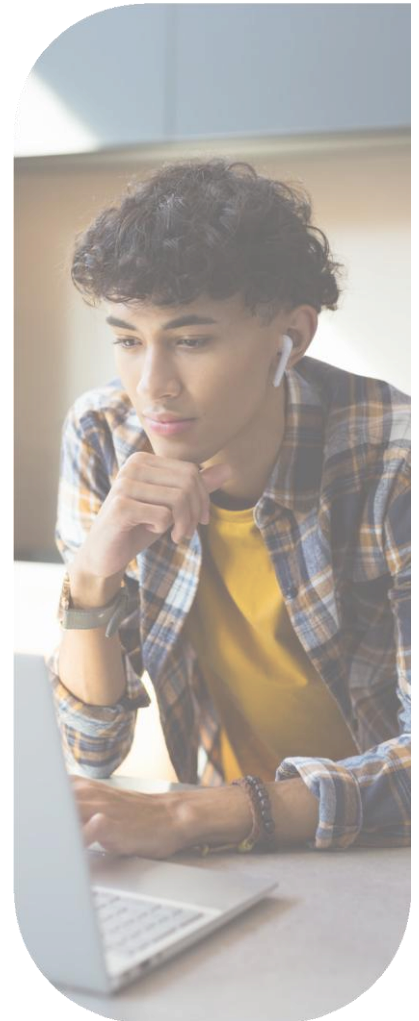
- [Relocation Scholarship](#)
- [Study Australia – International student scholarships](#)
- [Commonwealth Teaching Scholarship](#)

### Miscellaneous scholarships

- [CAS Hawker Scholarship](#)
- [Queensland Government Scholarships for First Nations Peoples](#)
- [Nursing scholarships](#)
- [Tuckwell Scholarships](#)
- [SAE University College Scholarships](#)

### Other scholarship search sites

- [Study Assist](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide \(scroll down for State specific scholarships\)](#)
- [Country Education Foundation of Australia](#)



 **Please Note:**

- Institutions/organisations can change scholarship information at any time. You must check all information regularly.
- Contact institutions/organisations to gain more current information.
- The above information is not an exhaustive list of available scholarships for 2026.
- View this handout as a starting point and combine it with your own research.
- While waiting for scholarship applications to open:
  - Reflect on your achievements, community and school involvement, volunteering activities etc.
  - Ask those who know you best what they think your values, contributions and achievements are as we often 'sell ourselves short'.
  - Consider who you might ask for a reference and commence the conversation.
  - Gather your documentation and evidence **in one place** for quick and ready reference.
    - scan the documents into your computer ready to upload.
    - label each file starting with your full name, document name, scholarship you are applying for.

**GOOD LUCK** 😊