

THE TERTIARY TIMES

The Tertiary Times, is a one-stop point for information from the SSK QTAC talks. Here you will find reminders, links and information discussed in the weekly sessions. If you have any questions, please email or make an appointment to see me tkirk45@eq.edu.au

RURAL ACCESS SCHEMES

EDITION 3 2025

- Scholarships
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- Uploading documents

The Rural Access Scheme aims to address the unique challenges encountered by students from Rural and Remote backgrounds. Some universities reserve spots for applicants from Rural and Remote areas. If you have applied to a Rural Access Scheme eligible course, you will automatically be sent an invitation to apply for the scheme after you submit your application.

If you have lived in Rural and Remote areas of Australia for five years consecutively, or ten years cumulatively, the chance to study as part of the scheme may be available to you.

You will need to download and complete the **cover sheet** and upload it to your QTAC application portal with **supporting documentation** by the due date outlined on the form.

You can check your Remoteness Area category by visiting the Health Workforce Locator website. Choose the “Modified Monash model” section and select “2019” as the year when searching for your current or previous permanent home address.



NOTE: If you live in Bundaberg - you can apply (if your course is eligible).

QTAC CHOOSE THE FUTURE Rural Access Scheme Form

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:

QTAC Application Number:

ELIGIBILITY

If you have lived in an Australian rural area, classified as category 3-7 using the Modified Monash Model (MM) (2019), for 5 full years consecutively (must be 60 full months) or 10 full years cumulatively (must be 120 full months), and you want to be considered for the Rural Access Scheme, you will need to provide this completed form along with documentary evidence to support your application.

NOTE: The rural residence claimed must be your current or previous primary residence and cannot include future places of residence. If you attended boarding school you can use your family's address as your primary residence. However, holiday homes, investment properties and secondary residences do not qualify.

To check your MM category 3-7 click [here](#), enter your residential address and view the Modified Monash Model 2019.

COMPLETING THIS FORM

- Fill out the applicant details section at the top of this page including your full name and QTAC application number.
- On page 5, tick the box that applies to you indicating how long you have lived in a rural area (5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively).
- Complete the table on page 2. You may have lived across multiple addresses - please list each one as well as the MM category. Be true in which you lived from and what documents you have provided to evidence this.
- Have you applied to the QUniversity Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) or the University of Southern Queensland Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medicine Pathway)? You must also complete the nomination (at the bottom of page 2) if applicable.
- Upload this completed form, together with your supporting documents under Alerts, RURAL, on your [eSIS](#).

DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES

Eligible documents:

Please see the [Rural Access Scheme Supporting Documentation Guidelines](#) for detailed information about accepted documentation.

Documents not accepted:

- Secondary residences
- Letters from family/friends or neighbours, etc.
- Birth Certificates on their own
- Rates notices on their own
- Documents that list only a PO Box address
- Letters to other people (i.e. without formal addresses)

DUE DATES: documents received after these dates are not guaranteed to be assessed in time for the offer round.

- QUniversity Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine): 8 December 2024
- QU Bachelor of Dental Health Science: 30 September 2024; Bachelor of Medical Science: 9 December 2024 (if you are having trouble meeting the deadline, please contact [Coffin University](#))
- JCU Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Domestic): 20 December 2024
- UQ Doctor of Medicine courses: 30 September 2024; Bachelor of Dental Science: 9 December 2024
- UNSW Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medicine Pathway): 30 September 2024
- UoMBC Bachelor of Medical Science: 1 December 2024

Visit the [Rural Access Scheme Page](#) on the [eSIS](#) website for more information and a list of FAQs



Book a meeting with Mr Kirk if you would like help with your QTAC or scholarship applications

UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

Ensure a smooth application process by providing documents early. The assessment team meticulously review and authenticate the documents for each course you have selected in your preferences. This process involves thorough verification and can be time-consuming. Remember, to be eligible for an offer, you must not have any outstanding documents for the course(s) you are applying for. For the quickest document submission, use the QTAC Application Portal (instead of email). Simply log in and upload your documents directly under the “Outstanding Documents” section.

Make sure your files are within the 15MB limit



SCHOLARSHIPS TIPS



1. Each scholarship comes with specific eligibility criteria.
2. Keep to the word count and ensure it is presented professionally.
3. Have teachers/parents proofread your submission. Correct grammar and spelling are important.
4. Do your research. It is important that you demonstrate your understanding of the scholarship and the organisation offering it.
5. Pay attention to all the details. Make sure you have all the necessary documentation to support your submission and that you have attached them to the application.
6. Be ready to respond. Check your emails regularly (Don't use your school email).



Every year, \$\$\$\$ goes unclaimed
because not enough people
apply!

GIVE IT A GO!



APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Check your emails for this template to help with your application preparation



Forms are available from
Mr Kirk -
tkirk45@eq.edu.au

BUNDABERG
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Applying for Scholarships

For many scholarship applications, a School Reference is required. Furthermore, you will need to write a submission which showcases who you are, what you are good at, what makes you stand out and why you would be a good recipient of support. If you require a school reference letter, [this form](#) needs to be emailed to Mr Kirk (tkirk45@eq.edu.au) at least 2 weeks before due date.

Your Strengths

(skills eg organisation, communication, problem solving, creativity... give examples)

Voluntary Work you have done at school

(Sports/Anzac Day/Helping with other programs or year levels)

Voluntary or Community Work you have done outside of school

(Sports eg coaching/Surf Life Saving/Red Cross/Salvation Army/Relay for Life)

SCHOLARSHIP RESUME

If you are thinking of studying something in the health field, check out my [Health Career](#) page for more scholarships

Health Workforce
Scholarship Program

Using AI

⚠ WARNING

Be mindful of using AI..

- you may lose the human element - creativity, authenticity, uniqueness - the 'you-ness' of your application.

Scholarship Resume

Some applications will ask you to provide an overview of yourself. A **scholarship resume** is specifically tailored for scholarship applications, showcasing your **academic history, awards, accomplishments, and extracurricular activities**. It also features your key skills and any relevant professional or volunteer experiences you may have.

The main purpose of a scholarship resume is to emphasise your academic and career aspirations, providing the scholarship committee with insights into your identity and why you are a strong candidate for their support.

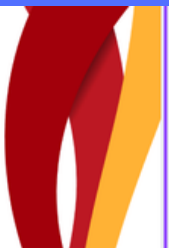
Summary/Objective

When crafting your scholarship resume objective, focus on your career goals, skills, and achievements relevant to the scholarship you're applying for. Be specific and concise.

Include:

- Your academic accomplishments
- Your area of study or intended profession
- Key skills that make you an ideal candidate

A well-written objective sets the tone for the rest of your resume and can make you stand out to scholarship committees.



Academic Scholarships



Choose is passionate about helping to make a healthier Australia and as part of this commitment, we developed the annual [Choosi Futures Grant Program](#) – a financial assistance of \$5,000 that's offered to one lucky student enrolled in a full-time, accredited Australian education institution studying a certificate, diploma, degree, or traineeship in any of the following areas: Medicine, Health Sciences & Healthcare, and/or Specialist Healthcare. Submissions close: 31 October



Since 2002, the [George Alexander Foundation](#) has established Scholarship Programs with 16 institutions. Currently, there are 12 active scholarship programs operating in partnership with 11 universities and one TAFE institute. Several scholarship programs focus on supporting young people from regional, rural, or remote areas in recognition of the challenges students face relocating to pursue study.



The [Ramsay Centre Scholarship](#) is to support students with \$32,000 p.a. for the length of your degree program (studying full time) (for up to five years) to cover residential and other necessary costs associated with studies undertaken at one of our partner universities. Access to on-campus accommodation. An allowance for one return airfare to Europe or elsewhere to support study or other related activities abroad. Access to a Ramsay Scholars Common Room (including study spaces, social lounge, kitchenette) (for UOW and ACU scholars)



To apply for the [Real Futures Grant](#), you will need to write an essay (maximum 700 words) on why you want to work in your selected industry and the difference you hope to make in your particular field of study. We are looking for submissions that reflect a real desire to improve the quality of people's lives. The value of this Grant is AUD \$5,000 (total amount). This amount is paid as a one-off payment to the Winner. For students studying Business, Finance, Medicine, Healthcare (including nursing) & Specialist health. Submissions close: 31 October



[Westpac Scholars program](#). With financial support ranging from \$12,700 - \$400,000+ across five unique scholarships offerings, our programs empower scholars to invest the time and energy into what matters most, their studies, research and leadership development.

TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Prize

State and non-state secondary schools can nominate 1 high achieving Year 12 student for this award. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding leadership in their school and community and academic excellence. 15 x \$5000 Scholarships. 1 nomination from BSHS each year.

Disability



The aim of each [scholarship](#) is to support an individual's integration into further education. It is known that students with disability and young individuals may have additional obstacles to overcome in accessing education, particularly the additional costs involved, which can be considerable and variable. Additional to this key factor, [Maple Services](#) also wants to ensure it is continually giving back to the individuals who have dedicated their lives to the industry and its supporting areas. Hence, we are also opening up a Scholarship to individuals who may not have a disability, but want to contribute more to the industry we work within.



Each year [Northcott and The SpineCare Foundation](#) proudly administer a suite of scholarship offerings.

- The Gregory and Dolores Farrell Scholarship
- The Thomas K.F. Taylor Scholarship



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. Assistive technology can eliminate barriers to education and enhance access to information. It enables students to read course material, conduct research and improve their student life. Application deadline is 30th September.



Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship

The Public Education Foundation's [Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship](#) provides financial assistance to students who have a permanent physical disability to enable them to reach their academic potential.



A Carers Australia Initiative

The [Young Carer Bursary Program](#) supports young carers to continue with their education and reduce their need to undertake paid work at the same time as their study and caring duties. The program offers 1,592 bursaries of \$3,768 each year to assist with education needs and resources.

Feeling overwhelmed and confused?
Book a 1-1 meeting (or with a parent/carer) via Nigel
or email tkirk45@eq.edu.au



Indigenous



[AIEF](#) provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students in financial need to attend leading Australian schools and universities. The program is founded on the belief that students will have the greatest chance of succeeding at school if the decision to enrol is one made by the family and the student in conjunction with the school.



Established in 1994, the [AMA Indigenous Medical Scholarship](#) contributes to growing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors by supporting First Nations people who are studying a medical degree at an Australian university. The scholarship targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students who demonstrate a commitment to their community and to medicine, and who may not have the financial means to realise their dream. The value of the scholarship is currently \$11,000 per annum, which is awarded for the full course of a medical degree, subject to the conditions of award.



The [Bendigo Bank Indigenous Scholarship Program](#) aims to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that are experiencing challenging circumstances. If you demonstrate a passion for local leadership, and have a desire to support your community through future study, this is for you. The scholarship award value is \$6,500 per year for a maximum of 2 years.



The [Indigenous Pathway Portal](#) lists scholarship resources and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Indigenous Student Success Program

The [Indigenous Student Success Program \(ISSP\)](#) provides supplementary funding to universities to help students take on the demands of university and succeed. Universities can offer scholarships, tutorial assistance, mentoring, safe cultural spaces and other personal support services to First Nations students using ISSP funding. ISSP funding is prioritised towards the support of First Nations students who are financially disadvantaged and/or from remote and regional areas.

Peggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship

The [Pugby Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme](#) (PHMSS) is designed to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The scheme provides scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people studying an entry level health course.



The [Indigenous Youth Leadership Program \(IYLP\)](#) supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students living in remote or very remote areas of Australia to attend a high performing secondary school (government and non-government, day and boarding) and / or university to complete Year 12 and / or an undergraduate degree.



Indigenous Australian Student Services Technology Bursary

The Indigenous Australian Student Services Technology Bursaries are available to any Indigenous Australian student studying an award course at Southern Cross University. The student must have recently purchased a desktop computer, laptop or tablet device, or similar. \$600 annually.



439 Available scholarships available!
<https://aurorafoundation.com.au/our-work/indigenous-pathways-portal/scholarships/>

QUT Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship

<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/qut-indigenous-australian-accommodation-program>
A 12 month accommodation scholarship available to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students relocating to QUT. Applications Open 23rd May 2025 & Closing date 23rd June 2025.

LGBTQI+



[ANSTO](#) would like to show our commitment to the next generation of LGBTQ STEM talent by providing financial support for textbooks, with 8 x \$250 scholarship grant available.



[The Pinnacle Foundation](#) provides educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTQIA+ Australians to realise their full potential. Scholarships are awarded for fulltime study at public institutions of higher education in Australia, for the purpose of gaining an educational or vocational qualification in any profession, trade or the arts. Applications close 31st August 2025

Refugee



Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship

The Public Education Foundation's [Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship](#) is for refugee students currently in Year 12 in 2025 intending to enter university or TAFE in 2025 – and gives an annual bursary of up to \$2,000 for a maximum of two years of full-time university or TAFE study.



One off [scholarships](#) of up to \$5000 to students preparing to undertake study or have their existing skills recognised in New South Wales, Queensland or Victoria.



Are you a refugee striving for higher education?
[This platform](#) helps you to find accredited higher education academic or scholarship programmes verified by UNHCR to allow you to pursue advanced study, skills and professional development.

Rural and Regional



The [rural education scholarship](#) financially supports the study of specialising in the valuation field to a prospective 2026 tertiary student, either currently studying Year 12 or a mature-aged applicant. The scholarship fund spans the duration of an API accredited property valuation degree, totalling a maximum term of 3-years, awarded yearly at \$10,000. Applications close on 30th September 2025.



This [Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Uni Scholarship](#) is for students living in rural and regional Australia. Any subject can be studied under this scholarship provided that it is at undergraduate bachelor's degree level in an approved Australian course. You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.



[Rural Bank](#) is committed to supporting the next generation of leaders in agriculture. We offer financial support through our scholarship program. Each year we seek first-time tertiary students focussing their studies on agriculture, agribusiness or related fields. You must be undertaking an ag-related degree. We'll support your study-related expenses for one year and subject to academic results and course duration, the scholarship can be extended for a second year.

Women



Each year, [AWPA](#) makes available a range of scholarships and awards that create opportunities for all ages and levels of experience. All scholarships and awards have eligibility requirements and are awarded on merit. Assessments of applications are made by panels – one for each scholarship – of 3 to 5 people appointed for their appropriate experience/expertise.



[ATSE's Elevate](#): Boosting women in STEM program will award up to 500 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM. Elevate aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more women and non-binary led industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women in STEM and propelling women and non-binary people into leadership. Applications close 1st September, 2025.



[WIA](#) believe scholarships have the power to assist members to reach their goals and advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about. We aim to provide financial assistance and educational opportunities to women at various stages of their aviation and aerospace careers.



Are you a female, Year 12 High School student?
Are you a high school student from a refugee background?
Are you a Year 12 student planning to become a nurse or teacher?
If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible to apply for one of the bursaries, valued from \$1,000 – \$3,000. Applications closes 2nd June 2025.



UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship

The scholarship was established in 2008 and is maintained by funds from donors and the University of Queensland, to encourage and support outstanding new and continuing students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen sport.

Other



\$5000 Grants. Aged 15-20 Years of age. Need to have been treated at a hospital for an illness or injury • Eligible to attend a tertiary or vocational institution. It is not a requirement to have stayed at a Ronald McDonald House. Visit <https://rmhc.org.au/what-we-do/charlie-bell-scholarship/> Applications open from 1 August – 30 November each year

Where Can I Find Scholarships?

University Websites

- Year 12 Scholarship list (Keep an eye on your emails)
- <https://studyworkgrow.com/find-scholarships/>
- <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>
- <https://aurorafoundation.com.au/our-work/indigenous-pathways-portal/> (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People)
- <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/en/plan-your-studies/scholarships> (International Students)

Financial Disadvantage



The [Atatürk Scholarship](#) was founded to provide Educational Bursaries to Australians of Turkish descent who are completing their first year at University or TAFE and who are also in need of financial assistance.



AUSTRALIAN VETERANS'
CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Submissions close 31 October

[AVCAT scholarships](#) include Long Tan Bursaries and sponsored scholarships. Sponsored scholarships are for the children and grandchildren of ex-serving veterans. Long Tan Bursaries are for the children and grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans and are available in each state and territory. The Long Tan Bursary is funded by the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs.



The [Gallipoli Scholarship fund](#) provides financial assistance to the most deserving and meritorious Australian applicants, commencing their first year of tertiary study at a university or TAFE at Degree, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level, in the year of application, as well as two specific Scholarships for second- and third-year Gallipoli Scholars. From 2021 scholarship applicants must be an Australian citizen who is a direct descendant of a Service man or woman who has served in the Australian or New Zealand Defence Force in any conflict or peacekeeping role since the First World War.



The Public Education Foundation
National Regional & Remote Tertiary
scholarship

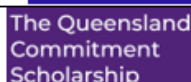
[The Public Education Foundation National Regional & Remote Tertiary scholarship](#) is open to current Year 12 students who attend public high schools in regional, rural or remote regions in all states and territories across Australia. The scholarships seek to support motivated individuals with demonstrated merit, who are facing hardship, to realise their career goals. Each scholarship offered consists of an annual payment of up to \$3,000 provided at the commencement of each academic year, up to a maximum of 3 years. For students required to relocate in order to take up study, an additional one-off payment may be provided to assist with initial relocation expenses. The value of the scholarship offered to successful students will be based on their geographic location, personal circumstances and choice of post-school education. Applications close 27th August 2025.



The [Theofilos Foundation](#) provides \$5,000 grants to Year 12 students experiencing financial or social hardship, to help ease the burden of costs associated with tertiary studies. Available to government school students looking to pursue a career in Business, Commerce or related field, the scholarships are intended to assist with expenses not covered by HECS-HELP. Costs that are essential to study life, such as student services, textbooks, stationery, travel and living expenses.



<https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/get-support/national-scholarship-program/> Youth Off the Streets is a not-for-profit youth services organisation that supports 12–24-year-olds experiencing or at risk of homelessness and complex disadvantage. \$6000. Students aged 16–21 inclusive (as at 20 September) with a clear need for financial assistance. All applicants must convey their genuine talent, ability and determination in any education or training course, including (but not limited to): Academic skills; Visual or performing arts; Sport; Trade skills & Music. Nominations close at 4pm on Friday 23 May 2025. No late applications will be accepted.



\$7000 Annually. Applicants must: be domestic students; be enrolled, or intending to enrol at UQ; and demonstrates financial hardship. Apply to study at UQ through QTAC and complete the 'Financial Hardship' category within the [Educational Access Scheme \(EAS\)](#).

Teaching

Commonwealth Teaching
Scholarships

Up to \$40000 to new teaching undergraduates. Must be willing to work in state schools after graduating University. <https://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships#>

Aspiring Teacher Grant

High-achieving graduates from Queensland secondary schools commencing a teaching degree. A one-off grant of up to \$5,000 during the first semester of study. [Register interest here](#): Check website for timelines.

Teach Queensland

Accommodation



Relocation; Accommodation; International Student Scholarship; Elite Athlete; Indigenous Accommodation
https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/student-accommodation/acu-student-accommodation-scholarships?utm_source=canva&utm_medium=iframe



UQ Living Accommodation

https://my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/scholarships?utm_source=canva&utm_medium=iframe

- UQ Residential Living Scholarships
- On Campus Residential Scholarships
- Off Campus Purpose Built Accommodations



https://www.unisq.edu.au/scholarships/unisq-residential-college-scholarship?utm_source=canva&utm_medium=iframe

- USQ Residential College Scholarships
- \$2300 per trimester



https://iglu.com.au/essentials/scholarships/?utm_source=canva&utm_medium=iframe
An Iglu Regional Scholarship offers rental assistance during your first year of living at Iglu. Applications close September 2025

Useful Links



<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/fees-and-scholarships/find-a-scholarship>



<https://bond.edu.au/entry-to-bond/scholarships>



<https://www.cqu.edu.au/study/prepare/scholarships>



<https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships> One application for all scholarships
There's no need to apply for individual scholarships. Simply submit the form once each application round and you'll automatically be considered for all of them. Use the filters to check out scholarships associated with your study program or personal circumstances.



<https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships>



<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships>



<https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/>



<https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/apply-and-enrol/scholarships>



<https://www.torrens.edu.au/how-to-apply/fees-scholarships/scholarships>



<https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/>



<https://www.unisq.edu.au/scholarships>



<https://www.usc.edu.au/study/scholarships>



<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/course-provider/scholarships?page=1>



Study Assist

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/financial-and-study-support/scholarships>

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Applications for scholarships open each year on 18 August and close on 31 October. Long Tan Bursaries are for the children and grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans and are funded by the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). \$4000 - \$6000 x 37 bursaries



Database for searching relevant scholarships.



Australian National University

<https://study.anu.edu.au/scholarships>

- Rural and Regional
- Financial Hardship
- Access Scholarships



Australian Government

Study Assist

This tool will help you check your potential eligibility for government financial assistance to support your higher education studies

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/eligibility-tool>

TERTIARY ACCESS PAYMENT (TAP)

A payment to help with the cost of moving from regional or remote areas for tertiary studies.

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one off payment of up to \$5,000. It's to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study. This is for study after you've finished year 12 or equivalent.

To get the payment you must move from a regional or remote area for tertiary study.

