



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 scholarship brochures
- Good Universities Guide – scholarship portal
- Internet search engines
- Tertiary Admissions Centres – websites and scholarship brochures

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.



Step 1 – Centrelink

If you are under the age of 24 and planning to study at university or TAFE full time, you may be eligible for a Centrelink benefit such as Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY.

Your eligibility will depend on a number of factors which may include:

- Your parent/s combined income, assets and means
- Your income, savings, assets and means
- Your location and if you are living at home

If you are eligible for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance, you may be eligible for the following:

Student Start-up Loan: you can apply for a loan up to twice a year (2018 rate = \$1,077). Only for university courses. You will need to apply to Centrelink for this loan and pay it back over time, <http://bit.ly/28WsHeM>

Relocation Scholarship: If you have to move away to study your course either from or to a regional area and you receive the dependant rate of Youth Allowance, have a special reason why you receive the Independent Youth Allowance, or receive the Energy Supplement, you may be eligible for the annual Relocation Scholarship.

If you are eligible, you will receive this scholarship automatically, so you won't need to apply for it, <http://bit.ly/1MaHRom>

Ring the Centrelink 'Students and Trainees' line on 132 490 for more information.

Examples

Rural Pharmacy Scholarship: For rural students who would like to study Pharmacy in 2020 at any Australian university, <http://bit.ly/1LXoHBn>

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme: For Indigenous students applying for allied health courses such as dentistry/oral health, medicine, nursing and midwifery. Apply between 1 Oct – 4 Nov 2019 for the 2020 intake, <https://bit.ly/2sveWvb>

Give Them Wings: For regional and remote students studying their first year of a nursing or allied health degree, <https://bit.ly/2GeR1V4>

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>

Mary Mackillop Today - First Nations Tertiary Scholarships program: For an indigenous person studying at university in 2020. Applications close 30 September, <https://bit.ly/2Jcg9SF>

George Alexander Foundation Scholarship: for students who would like to study an undergraduate course at one of 12 universities in 2020, <http://bit.ly/2c6qlaC>

Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust: For children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women. This scheme covers several scholarships. Applications open 18 August 2019, <http://bit.ly/2bv3x63>

Step 2 – Tertiary Admission Centres

2a) Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre



The majority of university courses in Victoria are applied for via VTAC.

Most universities enable you to apply for selected access and equity scholarships through completing the Scholarships form on the VTAC website.

The actual scholarships aren't listed on the site. Australian Catholic University, University of Melbourne, and Federation University have alternative application methods,

Application Process

- Create a VTAC account via www.vtac.edu.au between Monday 5 August – Friday 11 October
- Login to your VTAC account and enter your ID and Pin
- Click on the Scholarships link
- Fill out each section and click submit
- Post any evidence required to VTAC by Friday 11 October using the correct cover sheets or upload it.

Information: <https://bit.ly/1Kxa6kh>

2b) 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.

Application Process

- Apply for courses via www.uac.edu.au in August or September for Victorian students or from 3 April for NSW students.
- Apply for Equity Scholarships via <https://bit.ly/2Br1mjm> between 1 August - 15 December.
- Save the Equity Scholarships ID and pin
- Post any evidence required to UAC using the correct cover sheets or upload it by the due date.

Step 3 – Institution Scholarships

Each institution you apply for will have scholarships listed on their website. You simply put the name of the institution and the word 'scholarships' into an Internet search engine and the link should come straight up- e.g., "RMIT scholarships".

You will need to search through the scholarships that are relevant to you. These could include- undergraduate, faculty (e.g., health), campus, memorial, bequeathed, accommodation etc.

You will need to read over each one, checking the eligibility criteria and how to apply. There will be different closing dates and methods on how to apply.

Steps

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 have to apply via 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, <http://bit.ly/1lm4WPD>



Examples

Bradman Scholarship: For students who would like to continue their cricket commitments whilst studying any course at university. Applications close February 2020 (TBC), <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 2020. Applications may open in September, <http://bit.ly/1LI5Zb6>

Dafydd Lewis: For boys who have attended a state Victorian school and will be studying at a Victorian university in 2020, <https://bit.ly/2sFhbLJ>

Mary Jane Lewis Foundation Scholarship: For female students who have attended a state Victorian school and would like to study at university in 2020, <http://bit.ly/2vhD1rU>

Frederick Richard O'Connell Scholarship: For children of either employees or directors/proprietors of members companies of the Timber Merchants' Association Victoria, <https://bit.ly/2YrUZ5v>

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

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



The Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships: For LGBTQI students who will be undertaking tertiary study in 2020. There are several scholarships available and applications close 15 October 2019, <http://bit.ly/2aXSL6q>

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 2020, <http://bit.ly/2beQHbd>

Horizon Scholarship: For students planning to study a course relating to agriculture such as agricultural science, veterinary science, agribusiness etc. Must be in last few years of degree, <http://bit.ly/1g7MfJF>

Victoria Department of Education and Training: For students currently in Year 12 planning to study full time in 2020. There are various scholarships each with their own selection criteria, <http://bit.ly/21100V1>

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