

Youth Opportunities

Scholarship Application 2019 – Semester 2



General Information

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The Youth Opportunities Scholarship is open to graduates of the Youth Opportunities program. Scholarships are aimed at helping students reach their potential, through assistance towards goals and future career plans. Scholarships are awarded up to the value of **\$1,500** and include ongoing coaching.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need: please see overleaf for details of what this involves. Students who have shown continued effort and progress towards their goals, who show Personal Leadership, and those who face hardship will be given precedence.

Graduates can apply for a scholarship in **one or more** of the following categories:

1. Academic tutoring
2. Career guidance
3. Financial support

All scholarship awardees are also contacted on a regular basis (approximately twice per term) and provided ongoing coaching, goal-setting and strategy support by Youth Opportunities Trainers.

Students who wish to apply must approach a teacher at their school to act as a referee, supporting the student's application. There is a one-page section for the referee to complete once the student and parent/guardian sections are complete.

Scholarship applications for Term 3 are due by **Monday 9th September 2019**.

Please submit via email to scholarships@youthopps.com.au or alternatively visit <http://youthopportunities.com.au/what-we-do/scholarships/> to fill out an application online. All scholarship applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by 9th October 2019.

Application Checklist

The following **three mandatory documents** are required for **every** scholarship application: Any documentation not attached, or pages left blank/unsigned may result in the application being delayed.

1. ☐ Copy of the applicant's most recent school report
2. ☐ Evidence of Financial need (see FAQ on following page for more details)
3. ☐ Scholarship application form, with all relevant pages completed.
 - Student section (pages 1-6)
 - Parent/Guardian section (page 7)
 - Referee section (page 8)
 - Consent form **signed** by Student and Parent/Guardian (page 9)

Other evidence highly regarded by the selection committee: (optional)

- ☐ Copy of certificates, awards, newspaper articles, references etc. from the previous 12 months
- ☐ Supporting documents as listed in the application (i.e. written references, copies of work etc.)

We may request additional evidence or information to support your application.

1. What does financial need mean? What is proof of financial need?

Our scholarships are aimed at students who are facing financial or other types of disadvantage, allowing them opportunities they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. You may be eligible to apply if:

- you are eligible to receive the school cards benefit. If you are, then your family's financial situation has already been assessed by the SA Government.
- you or your family are in receipt of a health care card or benefit from Centrelink including (but not limited to) Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy or a pension. If you are in receipt of a Centrelink benefit, your family's financial situation has already been assessed by Centrelink.
- you are not eligible for either of the above but you and/or your family are still struggling. If this is the case, you need to explain your circumstances so that we can assess the need for a Scholarship.

Proof of financial need includes copies of relevant cards (i.e. Centrelink health care card) or letters confirming your eligibility/receipt of benefits (i.e. School card eligibility letter). If you are not in receipt of a benefit, then a written statements and proof of income can be attached to your application. The more information you can provide, the better we are able to assess your level of need.

2. Why do you need my latest school report?

We want to ensure we reward applicants who are putting their best efforts into their schoolwork. This does not mean you need to be a straight A student though. We may also request another report in the future to determine if the scholarship has helped to maintain or improve your grades.

3. What kind of supporting documents should I attach?

Anything that supports your application and shows motivation, skill development, achievement, community service and determination to achieve your goals. This may include (but is not limited to) certificates, awards, newspaper articles, written references and copies of work.

4. What if my requested opportunity/item isn't available?

In the instance that what you have requested is not available or possible (e.g. there is no tutor in the subject you have requested) we will work with you to find an alternative opportunity that still supports you towards your academic and career goals.

5. When will I be informed if I have been successful in my application?

All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be informed via text message and email by **Wednesday 9th October 2019**.

6. If I am successful, when will I receive my Scholarship?

Scholarships will be rolled out over the course of Term 4; timing may vary depending on what is awarded. We will hold a presentation ceremony where most scholarships will be awarded and may also present at school assemblies. We will keep you informed.

7. Can I re-apply?

All applicants are welcome to re-apply, Scholarship applications are open in Term 1 and 3 each year. Previous scholarship winners are encouraged to re-apply for additional scholarships once per year until the end of tertiary education.

I am applying for (tick one or more you would like to be considered for): *completed by student*

☐ Academic tutoring

This is provided by an external tutoring company and is aimed at helping students improve their grades and get academic support to aid towards their education and career goals.

☐ Career guidance

This is the opportunity to be linked with someone in the industry you are interested in, with the possibility of short-term guidance, advice or work experience.

☐ Financial support

This is purchasing an item or opportunity that wouldn't otherwise be available to a student. E.g. laptop, textbooks, TAFE or VET fees, courses, transport costs, equipment etc.

About the Applicant *completed by student*

First Name:

Surname:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

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Gender (Circle):

Male

Female

Other _____

Street Address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

School:

Current Year Level:

Term and year you completed Youth Opps:

Name of Youth Opportunities Trainers:

Are you:

(tick all that apply)

☐ An Australian citizen?

☐ An Immigrant?

☐ A Refugee?

☐ CALD? (culturally & linguistically diverse)

If an Immigrant or Refugee, please list year of arrival in Australia & country of origin:

☐ Aboriginal?

☐ Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Living Independently?

☐ Under the Guardianship of the Minister

Language(s) spoken at home:

Do you have computer and internet access at home?

Yes / No

Applicant Statements *completed by student*

What is your future direction? What goals are you currently working towards?

What did you work on during the Youth Opportunities program? What did you gain/achieve?

Since finishing the program, how have you continued to work towards your goals and displayed Personal Leadership?

You may also describe any contributions you are making towards your school or community E.g. volunteering, extra classes, mentoring, scouts, work etc.

How would a Youth Opportunities scholarship impact your studies and assist you to achieve your goals?

Why do you believe you should be considered?

How would receiving this Scholarship impact on you and your life?

This statement should be 100-200 words and is one of the most important parts of this application. Please attach more pages if required. Videoed statements are also accepted and should be no more than 2 minutes in duration.

Is there any further information you would like to add to support this application?

Past Recipient Section *completed by student*

Please only complete this section if you previously received a Scholarship. If not, please skip to next page.

When were you awarded the Scholarship?

What did you receive?

What impact has receiving the scholarship had on you, your goals and your future?

How will receiving an additional scholarship build upon the benefits you gained from the last Scholarship?

Academic Tutoring Scholarship *completed by Student*

Please only complete this section if you are applying for a Tutoring Scholarship. If not, please skip to next page.

Subject/s you request tutoring in: Please list 1-2 subjects. Note: if there is no tutor available in the subject you have requested, we will work with you to find an alternative. Specialty subjects such as Psychology may be difficult to source, while core subjects like English and Maths are generally achievable.	Subject name Please be specific – don't list 'Maths' if the subject is 'Maths methods' or 'Specialist Mathematics' etc.	Year level of subject	Current Grade in this subject	How important is improving your grades in this subject? /10 (10 being critically important, 1 being not important at all)
Please list any obstacles or challenges you are facing that may be affecting your grades:				
Why do you believe tutoring will help you? How will it help you achieve your goals?				
Best tutoring location: Home? Local Library? Please also list Suburb. If listing school, please first check that your school will allow external tutors on site. Note: Successful regional applicants will likely receive tutoring via skype or similar.				
Best tutoring times: Please list at least three times that would suit you – this needs to be outside of school hours.				
Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement from your teacher about your level of effort and how tutoring may benefit you. Examples of work in the subject tutoring is requested for. 			

Career Guidance Scholarship *completed by Student*

Please only complete this section if you are applying for a Career Guidance Scholarship. If not, please skip to next page.

What field of employment are you interested in?

Note: we cannot guarantee guidance for all industries.

What steps have you taken so far to pursue this career?

E.g. I take a hospitality class and practice baking in my own time.

Why are you interested in Career Guidance?

What kind of guidance would be helpful to you?

E.g. I would like assistance with resume writing. I would like to speak to someone or visit a workplace in this field. I would like an opportunity to do work experience. I would be interested in part time employment or a traineeship.

Note: Employment and traineeships are very limited and only possible in certain cases.

Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:

- Statement from a teacher/coach or similar about your levels of effort and passion for this career, and how career mentoring may assist you towards your goals and future.

Financial Scholarship Details *completed by Student*

Please only complete this section if you are applying for a Financial Scholarship. If not, please skip to next page.

✓	What can be covered by a Financial Scholarship:	Items/experiences which aid the student in their schooling, goals and future career, or which develops a skill or interest. Examples include, but are not limited to: laptop, computer software, internet connection fee, textbooks, TAFE or VET fees, courses, transport costs, art supplies or other materials/equipment etc.	
✗	What cannot be covered by a Financial Scholarship:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HECS debt or upfront university fees ▪ School fees ▪ School uniforms ▪ Living costs 	
What item/s or experience/s do you wish you apply for?			
Why do you believe these item/s or experience/s will help you? How will it help you achieve your goals?			
<p>Please list each item you are applying for and list the cost of each individually: (most financial scholarships awarded are to the value of \$600, but may be up to a total of \$1500 in some circumstances)</p> <p>Note: please be specific in your request, including brand or provider, or what functions you require the item for. We cannot guarantee specific brands or providers, but we will endeavour to ensure the award meets your needs.</p>			
Description of item:	E.g. First Aid Course: HLTAID003 Provide First Aid Including CPR - First Aid Pro E.g. Laptop: requires WIFI capability	Cost:	E.g. \$85 E.g. approx. \$600
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Description of item:		Cost:	
Total amount applied for:			
Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statement from a teacher/coach or similar about your levels of effort and leadership, and how this item or experience may assist you towards your goals and future. ▪ Examples of work related to what you have requested. I.e. if requesting art supplies or an art course, please show evidence of artistic ability. 	

Details of the Applicant's Parent/Guardian: *completed by Parent/Guardian*

Title:			
First Name:			
Surname:			
Relationship to the applicant:			
Home Phone Number:		Mobile Phone Number:	
Email Address:			
Parent/Guardian Employer and Job Title (if working):			
Parent/Guardian highest level of Education completed:	Year 10 / Year 12 / TAFE or VET / Undergraduate degree / Postgraduate degree		
Will the applicant be the first in their family to progress to tertiary study at TAFE/VET/University?	Yes / No		
Is anyone in the family eligible for or receiving: Please tick all that apply and attach a copy of the relevant card or other proof to this application. See FAQ page for more details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstudy <input type="checkbox"/> Austudy <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/> Pension <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Card <input type="checkbox"/> School Cards Benefit	
Please describe current family situation and any financial or social difficulty you may be facing: E.g. single parent home, many siblings, moving house, hardship etc.			
Is the applicant currently receiving any other financial support? (This includes other scholarships) If yes, please provide details including amount of funding received:			

Please ensure you have read and signed consent page 9 at the end of this application.

Referee Details and Statements: *completed by School Staff Member*

Name:

Job Title & School:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Why do you believe this applicant would benefit from a scholarship?

Please tick the relevant boxes to rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Very High	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Low	No Comment
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please describe any contribution the young person is making towards school activities, community, or towards achieving their goals. E.g. volunteering, extra study, work etc.:

Any additional comments?

Signature:

Date:

Scholarship Consent Form

By signing this form and in consideration of the opportunity to receive a scholarship, I:

- agree that relevant information contained in this application may be passed on to parties as required for provision of services (e.g. to tutoring companies) – no financial details will be shared
- agree to be contacted (approximately twice per term) by Youth Opportunities trainers for the purpose of ongoing coaching, goal-setting and strategy support
- agree to provide details of my progress on an ongoing basis, which may be shared with key Youth Opportunities stakeholders and funders
- agree for Youth Opportunities to obtain and publish images, words and/or video footage in current or future print and electronic materials for any lawful and reasonable use without requesting further permission
- agree for Youth Opportunities to arrange for a third party (e.g. a journalist) to photograph and/or conduct an interview with me for television, radio and/or an article in a printed publication if required
- irrevocably release Youth Opportunities and its respective officers, contractors, advisors and employees from any liability to me now or in the future (including in negligence). This includes interactions with employees, contractors, suppliers or third-party providers, and the use of any of the words, images and/or video footage in accordance with this form
- I understand and agree this form is governed by South Australia law

Refusal to be involved in publicity for Youth Opportunities will in no way affect your ability to receive scholarships from Youth Opportunities. If you would like to discuss this prior to making a final decision, please contact us on 08 8240 3133. You may withdraw your permission at any time.

I have read, understood and accept the conditions stated in this form.

Please tick **one only**:

- ☐ I agree to all of the above
- ☐ I agree to all of the above but wish for my child to remain anonymous for external promotions
- ☐ I agree to all of the above but **DO NOT** consent to my child's image, story or profile being used for external promotions

Scholarship Applicant Name:

(please print)

Scholarship Applicant Signature:

Date:

Note: If the applicant is over 18 years, the below signature is not required

Parent/Guardian Name:

(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: