

Applying for Tertiary Scholarships

This handout provides general information on applying for tertiary scholarships in Queensland.

Even if you think you won't get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? The following information will help you get started.

Preparation

During Years 11 and 12 it is important to participate in a variety of activities (academic, sports, cultural and/or community) so you can demonstrate a range of achievements and skills when applying for scholarships at the end of Year 12.

A good strategy is to keep a list of your activities and achievements during the two years so you have a starting point for your application.

Scholarship categories

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

Academic scholarships

Usually specific institutions award these scholarships based on achievements during Years 11 and 12. The criteria could include academic achievement alone or academic plus other achievements (e.g. community involvement, sports awards; leadership roles).

Equity scholarships

In general, equity scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs involved in tertiary study. Other forms of disadvantage (e.g. disability) may be considered. There are institution specific and Commonwealth Government equity scholarships. These scholarships may include bonus points to assist in gaining entry to courses.

Indigenous scholarships

These scholarships apply specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. There are institution specific and Commonwealth Government Indigenous scholarships. These scholarships may include bonus points and/or pathways to assist in gaining entry to courses.

Sports scholarships

Sporting scholarships assist outstanding athletes to balance their studies with the demands of elite-level sport. Selection criteria usually include participation in competition at state, national or international level. These scholarships may include bonus points to assist in gaining entry to courses.

Field of study scholarships

Normally these scholarships are awarded based on academic merit to students applying for courses in specific fields of study (e.g. Economics, Agriculture).

Campus scholarships

Some institutions offer these scholarships. They are usually awarded on academic merit to students applying for courses at a specific campus of an institution.

International student scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to international students who have a visa to study in Australia. There are institution, organisation and Commonwealth Government scholarships for international students.

Residential college scholarships

Some residential colleges at universities offer scholarships. Normally they are awarded based on academic achievement.

Industry scholarships

Usually these scholarships are awarded to students studying in a specific field (e.g. Engineering, Surveying) by organisations involved in the field. Sometimes these scholarships provide employment during or at the completion of the course.

Scholarship applications

Most education institutions in Queensland and interstate that offer scholarships have a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of each scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process, including the application due date.

The initial application for most scholarships is online, followed by the submission of supporting documents (e.g. references, certificates), either by e-mail, post or hand delivered.

In general, scholarship application due dates occur from July – December each year in Queensland, with most university scholarship applications due in October, November and December, depending on the institution. However, due dates can be earlier or later. For example, Bond University due dates are usually in July each year. It is the responsibility of the applicant to find out when applications are due.

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.
- Follow the application directions **exactly** and answer all parts of each question (applicants who follow directions are highly regarded).
- Include all documents requested.
- Start preparing your application early.
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback. The final draft should be readable and logical.
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute.
- If asked to write about your achievements, include information such as awards gained, leadership (including coaching), volunteering and other community participation, teamwork (sport, work, study, etc.), examples of initiative, career aspirations and how the university course can help achieve them.
- Submit your application by the due date.

Some institutions hold scholarship preparation workshops. These are usually advertised on their websites.

Helpful websites

Most scholarship websites/pages are updated for the next year by June or July each year. Some may be earlier or later in the year. It is up to the applicant to access the most up-to-date information.

Queensland universities and TAFE

Australian Catholic University

<http://www.acu.edu.au/419704>

Bond University

<https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/scholarships>

CQUniversity

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/scholarships>

Griffith University

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

James Cook University

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

Queensland University of Technology

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

TAFE <https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/>

The University of Queensland

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

University of Southern Queensland

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

University of the Sunshine Coast

<http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/what-will-i-pay/scholarships>

Selected interstate universities

Australian National University

<http://www.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees>

Southern Cross University

<http://scu.edu.au/scholarships/>

The University of Melbourne

<http://services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships>

The University of New England

<http://www.une.edu.au/study/scholarships>

The University of Sydney

<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/>

University of Tasmania

<http://www.utas.edu.au/scholarships>

Commonwealth Scholarships

Relocation Scholarship

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/relocation-scholarship>

Student Start-Up Loan

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/student-start-loan>

Scholarships for Indigenous students

<http://www.education.gov.au/commonwealth-scholarships>

Scholarships and awards for international students

<http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/australian-education/scholarships/scholarships-to-study-in-australia>

Miscellaneous scholarships

CAS Hawker Scholarship

<http://www.hawkersscholarship.org/>

Indigenous scholarships

<https://www.indigenousscholarships.com.au/#/nav/landing-page>

Nursing scholarships

<http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships>

The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program

https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/scholarship/search_detail.display_scholarship_details?

Tuckwell Scholarships

<http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Other scholarship search sites

Study Assist <http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/StudyAssist>

The Good Universities Guide

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>

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Every effort has been made to ensure the above information is accurate at the publication date. It is wise to check information sources for updates.