

# Youth Opportunities

## Scholarship Application 2024 – Semester 1



**General Information:** Please detach and keep this page for your own records.

The Youth Opportunities Scholarship program is open to graduates of the Youth Opportunities program for two years after completing the program. Scholarships are aimed at helping students reach their potential, through assistance towards goals and future career plans. Scholarships are generally awarded between the value of **\$1,000 to \$1,500**.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need: **please visit** <https://youthopportunities.com.au/what-we-do/scholarship-application/> and refer to the *Frequently Asked Questions* page for details of what this involves. There is also a short explanation on the next page.

Students who have shown continued effort and progress towards their goals, who show Personal Leadership, and those who face hardship will be prioritised.

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

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

**Please note:** if applying for more than one of the categories above, please rank from 1 to 3 in order of importance, as we are unable to be able to award in multiple categories. If awarded a scholarship, item(s) applied for need to be claimed within **two years** of being awarded the scholarship.

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 Semester 1 2024 are due by **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 5:00pm**.

**Please note that any applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered or reviewed.**

Please email [scholarships@youthopps.com.au](mailto:scholarships@youthopps.com.au) about your ability to meet the deadline if you have any concerns.

Please submit your application online via <https://youthopportunities.com.au/what-we-do/scholarship-application/> or alternatively submit via email to [scholarships@youthopps.com.au](mailto:scholarships@youthopps.com.au).

All scholarship applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024** via text message. Please ensure your correct mobile phone number is included in your application to ensure you receive this notification.

## 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 not being accepted.

1. ☐ Scholarship application form, with all relevant pages completed.
  - i. Student section (pages 1-4)
  - ii. Parent/Guardian section (page 5)
  - iii. Referee section (page 6)
  - iv. Consent form **signed** by Student and Parent/Guardian (page 7)
2. ☐ Evidence of Financial need (see FAQ on following page for more details)
3. ☐ Copy of the applicant's most recent school report

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.

# FAQ Frequently Asked Questions



## 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 hardship, allowing them opportunities they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. To be considered eligible to apply you **must** receive one of the following:

- |                              |                           |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • School Card Scheme         | • Youth Allowance payment | • Health Care Card        |
| • Austudy or ABSTUDY payment | • Jobseeker payment       | • Pension Concession Card |

If you are in receipt of any of these benefits, your family's financial situation has already been assessed by the government. You will need to provide proof, such as a copy of the card, or a letter from Centrelink showing payment of benefits.

**Please note:** Family Tax Benefit, expired cards or a Medicare card will not be considered as proof of financial need.

## 2. Why do you need my latest school report?

We want to ensure we reward applicants who are demonstrating **personal leadership** with their schoolwork. This does not mean you need to be a straight A student; we encourage anyone to apply.

## 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. We want to see how you're being a personal leader!

## 4. What can I apply for?

- Academic Tutoring - provided by an external tutoring company and is aimed at helping students improve their grades and get academic support towards their education and career goals.
- Career Guidance - 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 - purchasing an item or opportunity that wouldn't otherwise be available to a student. For example: laptop, textbooks, TAFE or VET fees, courses, transport costs, equipment, driving lessons

**Please note:** All items applied for need to align with your educational goals or career aspirations.

You cannot apply for things like cash, cost of living support, school fees, school uniforms, vehicles, vehicle maintenance or vehicle running costs, HELP debt support or upfront university fees (for university and bespoke scholarships only), or anything you are not linking to your goals.

## 5. 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.

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

All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be informed by **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024 via text message**. Please ensure your phone number is correct on this form to ensure you receive this information. If your phone number changes, please notify us as soon as possible.

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

We will arrange delivery to your school for your item to be picked up (we send out vouchers with instructions for things like career guidance and other experiential items like driving lessons and tutoring). All successful applicants will be encouraged to celebrate their Youth Opportunities scholarship with your school community at a school assembly, as a celebration of your achievements.

8. Can I re-apply?

All applicants are encouraged to re-apply, Scholarship applications are open in Semester 1 and Semester 2 each year. Previous recipients are eligible to apply for every round for two years after year 10.

Please visit <https://youthopportunities.com.au/what-we-do/scholarship-application/> for more FAQs

**I am applying for** (tick one or more you would like to be considered for. Please rank preferences 1 to 3 in order of importance if applying for multiple items): *completed by student*

☐ **Academic tutoring**

Receive tutoring 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.

**If applying for multiple categories:**

Preference (circle or highlight):  
First (1), Second (2), Third (3)

☐ **Career guidance**

Receive 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.

**If applying for multiple categories:**

Preference (circle or highlight):  
First (1), Second (2), Third (3)

☐ **Financial support**

Receive 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.

**If applying for multiple categories:**

Preference (circle or highlight):  
First (1), Second (2), Third (3)

**About the Applicant** *completed by student*

Full legal name:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

/ /

Gender (Circle):

Male

Female

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: (please include suburb and postcode)

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

*Please ensure correct number, so you receive an outcome notification message*

Email Address:

School:

Current Year Level:		Term and year you completed Youth Opps:	
Name of Youth Opportunities Trainers:			
Are you: (tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> An Australian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> An Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> A Refugee <input type="checkbox"/> CALD (culturally & linguistically diverse)	If an Immigrant or Refugee, please list year of arrival in Australia & country of origin: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Living Independently <input type="checkbox"/> Under the Guardianship of the Department for Child Protection
Language(s) spoken at home:		Do you have computer and internet access at home?	Yes / No

**Applicant Statement** *completed by student*

**Optional: Video statements** are optional and should be no more than 3 minutes in duration: please attach or provide a link with your application. You may write “video statement provided” in the box below and/or provide the link.

**Written statements are preferred and should be approximately 300 words in length.**

This statement should include the following information:

- What your **goals** are for the future (future direction/career & other)
- Any current **barriers** to achieving your goals or **challenges** you have overcome
- What you gained from the Youth Opportunities program and how you have continued to work towards your goals (how are you a **personal leader**? You may describe any community contributions such as volunteering).
- Why do you believe you should be considered? How would receiving the scholarship **impact your life**?
- How receiving the scholarship would **impact on your education, future direction or goals**?

<b>Past Recipient Section</b> <i>completed by student</i> <i>Please only complete this section if you previously received a YO Scholarship. If not, please skip to next page.</i>	
When were you awarded the Scholarship and 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 (ticked on page 4). Do not fill this out if you are not applying for an Academic Tutoring Scholarship.

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 it is 'Maths methods'	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)
Best tutoring location: Home? Local Library? Please list Suburb. If listing school, please check that your school will allow external tutors on site. Note: regional applicants will likely receive tutoring via Zoom or similar.				
Best tutoring times: Please list at least three times that would suit you –outside of school hours.				

### Career Guidance Scholarship *completed by Student*

Please only complete this section if you are applying for Career Guidance (ticked on page 4). Do not fill this out if you are not applying for a Career Guidance scholarship.

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.	
What kind of guidance would be helpful to you?  E.g. I would like assistance with resume writing. I would like assistance with choosing between careers or choosing my career path. 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.

### Financial Scholarship Details *completed by Student*

Please only complete this section if you are applying for a Financial Scholarship (ticked on page 4). If not, please skip to next page.

✓	What <b>can</b> 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, textbooks, TAFE or VET fees, courses, transport costs, driving lessons, art supplies or other materials/equipment, a bicycle etc.
✗	What <b>cannot</b> be covered by a Financial Scholarship:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HECS debt or upfront university fees</li> <li>▪ School fees</li> <li>▪ School uniforms</li> <li>▪ Living costs</li> <li>▪ Vehicles</li> <li>▪ Vehicle maintenance or running costs</li> <li>▪ Anything you are not linking to your goals.</li> </ul>

Please list each item you are applying for and list the cost of each individually.

**We have pre-populated common items so you can tick the boxes without having to fill out the rest!**

Most financial scholarships awarded are to the value of \$1000 total but may be up to \$1500 in some circumstances.

**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.

Description of item:	<i>E.g. First Aid Course: HLTAID003 Provide First Aid Including CPR - First Aid Pro</i>	Cost:	<i>E.g. \$85</i> <i>E.g. approx. \$600</i>
Description of item:	Driving Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <b>Note:</b> If applying for driving lessons, please complete the following sub questions ( <i>the answers to these questions will not impact the outcome of your application</i> ):  Do you have someone at home to support you with driving lessons? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No  Will you have access to a car once you have your Learner's permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No	Cost:	N/A
Description of item:	Laptop ( <i>We will try and get the best model for the scholarship amount, as we buy in bulk</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Cost:	N/A
Description of item:		Cost:	

Description of item:		Cost:	
Total \$ amount applied for:			
Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>		

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

Full name:			
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 (Please highlight or circle):	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:  <a href="#">Please tick all that apply and attach a copy of the relevant card, eligibility letter or other proof to this application. See FAQ page for more details.</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> School Card scheme <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Concession Card <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Card	<input type="checkbox"/> JobSeeker Payment <input type="checkbox"/> ABSTUDY Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Austudy Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Allowance Payment	
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 statement on page 7 at the end of this application !!**

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

<b>Name of student:</b>							
<b>Name of referee:</b>							
<b>Job Title &amp; School:</b>							
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Phone number:</b>					
<b>How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?</b>							
<b>Why do you believe this applicant would benefit from a scholarship?</b>							
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						
	Maturity						
	Teamwork						
	Initiative						
	Motivation						
	Communication						
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 provide details of my progress on an ongoing basis, which may be shared with key Youth Opportunities stakeholders and funders
- understand that if awarded a scholarship, all item(s) applied for need to be claimed within two years of being awarded the scholarship.
- 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: