



Family and Community Services Scholarships 2018 – Information for applicants

FACS is offering scholarships to help students enrolled in education or training to complete their studies. Successful applicants will receive \$1,000 to help with school expenses.

How much is the scholarship?

Each scholarship for the 2018 academic year is \$1,000 (GST exempt). You can apply again each year for up to seven years to help you complete your studies.

Who can apply for a scholarship?

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- living in social housing (which includes public, community or Aboriginal housing), on the NSW Housing Register, receiving FACS private rental assistance, living in crisis/supported accommodation, or living in out-of-home care
- studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE, completing a school based apprenticeship or traineeship, or studying a VET subject at school in 2018
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- not earning an income higher than the NSW social housing eligibility limits (if earning an income).

If you have previously been awarded a FACS Scholarship, you can still apply for the 2018 academic year. You will receive an email providing the details of how to apply again in 2018.

When can I apply for a scholarship?

Applications open at 9am on 22 January 2018 and close at 5pm on Friday 23 February 2018.

We cannot accept late applications.

How can I apply for a scholarship?

It's easy to apply online. You must have a valid email address to register and receive communication about your application. The link to FluidReview will be provided when applications open early next year.

To apply, you should:

1. Visit our online form to set up an account and create a password.
2. Complete the eligibility questions and all relevant sections of the form.
3. Provide evidence of your social housing status

4. Upload a School Reference from a staff member who will support your application. This could be your teacher, careers advisor, year advisor, welfare teacher etc.
5. Provide details of a staff member from your school or TAFE who can tell us about what you're studying and who will administer your scholarship money if you are successful.
6. Make sure you complete the Application Declaration and Media Consent form. You should ask a parent or guardian to do this for you if you are under 18 years old.

You can also choose someone to help you fill in your application. To do this you will need to provide this person's email address and choose the level of access you would like to give them.

How will I know if I'm successful?

We will send all applicants (and anyone that assists you to complete an application) an email once we receive an application. We will send another email to all applicants and their schools in May 2018 advising of the outcome of your application.

What can I use the scholarship for?

If your application is successful, you can use your scholarship for educational expenses like textbooks and course fees, or to help pay for practical supports like medical needs, child care and internet. You will be able to keep anything you buy with the scholarship.

What can't I use the scholarship for?

You can't use your scholarship to pay for items provided through other financial assistance programs offered by your school or TAFE.

How will I receive my scholarship funds?

FACS will pay the scholarship directly to your school, which will help you to decide how to spend the scholarship money and give it to you. Each school might have its own process for how it will pay you, which they will explain to you.

How will you assess my application?

A panel made up of staff from FACS and other organisations like Aboriginal housing providers, community housing providers and NSW Education will assess applications against priority criteria. Decisions made by the panel are final and cannot be appealed.

Where can I find out more?

Email: education@facs.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education