

# Youth Opportunities Scholarship Application 2018



## General Information

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 **\$1,000**.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need. 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

Students who wish to apply must approach their Youth Opportunities Trainer, Coordinator or School Based Coordinator who will act as a nominator, supporting the student's application. There is a section for the nominator to complete once the student and parent/guardian sections are complete.

Scholarship applications for Term 1 are due by **16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Please 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 **13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

## Application Checklist

The following mandatory documents are required for **every** scholarship application:

Scholarship application form, with all pages completed. Pages left blank or unsigned may result in the application being delayed.

- Student section (pages 1-6)
- Parent/Guardian section (page 7)
- Nominator section (page 8)
- Consent form **signed** by Student and Parent/Guardian (page 9)
  
- Copy of the applicant's most recent school report
  
- Evidence of Financial Hardship (see FAQ on following page for more details)

Other evidence highly regarded by the selection committee:

- 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.

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

## 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. health care card) or letters confirming your eligibility or receipt of benefits. If you are not in receipt of a benefit then 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. 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 the end of Term 1, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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

Scholarships will be rolled out over the course of Term 2, timing may vary depending on what is awarded. 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*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Academic tutoring</b>  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.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Career guidance</b>  This is the opportunity to be linked with someone in the industry you are interested in, with the possibility of short term mentoring, advice and work experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Financial support</b>  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.
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About the Applicant *completed by student*

First Name:			
Surname:			
Preferred Name:			
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Gender (Circle):	Male	Female	Other _____
Street Address:			
Suburb:			
State:		Postcode:	
Home Phone:		Mobile Phone:	
Email Address:			
School:			
Current Year Level:		Term and year program completed:	
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 Minister
Language(s) spoken at home:		Do you have computer and internet access at home?	Yes / No

**Past Recipient Section** *completed by student*

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

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?

**Applicant Statements** *completed by student*

<p>What is your future direction? What goals are you currently working towards?</p>	
<p>What did you work on during the Youth Opportunities program? What did you gain/achieve?</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Is there any further information you would like to add to support this application?</p>	

**Academic Tutoring Scholarship** *completed by Student*  
 Please only complete this section if you are applying for an Academic Scholarship. If not, please skip to next section.

Subject/s you request tutoring in:	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? School? Please also list Suburb.				
Best tutoring times: Please list at least three times that would suit you.				
Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statement from your teacher about your level of effort and how tutoring may benefit you.</li> <li>▪ Examples of work in the subject tutoring is requested for.</li> </ul>			


**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 section.

<p>What field of employment are you interested in?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts/Performing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advertising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____</li> </ul>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Why are you interested in Career Guidance?</p>	
<p>What kind of guidance would be helpful to you? E.g. 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.</p>	
<p>Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statement from a teacher/coach or similar about your levels of effort and passion for this career, and how an employment traineeship may assist you towards your goals and future.</li> </ul>

**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 section.*

	<p>What <b>can</b> be covered by a Financial Scholarship:</p>	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>What <b>cannot</b> be covered by a Financial Scholarship:</p>	<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> </ul>
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<p>What item/s or experience/s do you wish you apply for?</p>	
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Please list each item you are applying for and list the cost of each individually: (up to a total of \$1000)

Description of use of funds:	<i>E.g. First Aid Course- First Aid Pro</i>	Cost:	<i>E.g. \$390</i>
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Description of use of funds:		Cost:	

Total amount applied for:	
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<p>Why do you believe these item/s or experience/s will help you? How will it help you achieve your goals?</p>	
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<p>Possible extra documentation that may aid your application:</p>	<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>
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**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: (tick all that apply and please attach a copy of the relevant card or other proof to this application)	<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.

**Nominator Details and Statements:** *completed by School Based Coordinator or Youth Opportunities Trainer/Coordinator*

Title:			
First Name:			
Surname:			
Name of Employer:			
Job Title:		School/organisation's ABN:	
Daytime Phone Number:		Mobile Phone Number:	
Email Address:			
How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?			
Describe the level of <b>effort</b> put in by the applicant during the Youth Opportunities Program:			
Describe the <b>changes</b> made by the student during the Youth Opportunities Program:			
Describe the <b>ongoing effort</b> shown by the student following the Youth Opportunities Program:			
How will the scholarship help the student to achieve their <b>goals</b> ?			
Describe any contribution the young person is making towards school activities, community, or towards achieving their goals. E.g. volunteering, extra study, work etc.:			
Is there any further information you would like to add?			
Signature:			

# Scholarship Consent Form

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

- agree that the information contained in this application may be passed on to third parties as required for provision of services (e.g. to tutoring companies)
- agree to be interviewed, videoed and/or photographed
- agree for the words, images and/or video footage to be used in Youth Opportunities print and electronic promotional materials (including DVD), edited sections or stills from video recordings to be used for publicity purposes and for other online purposes (including, but not limited to, Youth Opportunities websites, and social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube)
- agree for Youth Opportunities to publish and make use of the 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
- agree for my image and/or statements to appear in printed publications or on television, internet, radio or any other media formats
- agree that I will not be paid a fee or other reward
- agree that my images or words may be disclosed to Youth Opportunities partner organisations and/or funding bodies, for use in their materials (e.g. training materials, annual reports) so long as my prior consent is first obtained
- represent and warrant that there are no restrictions that prevent me from granting the rights that I grant, and performing my obligations, as stated in this form
- must unconditionally indemnify Youth Opportunities and its respective officers, contractors, advisors and employees against, and must pay you on demand the amount of, all losses, liabilities and expenses that you incur because any of the former representations or warranties are incorrect
- 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) with the use of any of the words, images and/or video footage in accordance with this form, and understand and agree this form is governed by the law in force in South Australia

Refusal to be involved in publicity for Youth Opportunities will in no way affect your ability to receive further scholarships from Youth Opportunities, nor will it affect your chance to participate in our programs. 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 and if we have used a profile based on your story, Youth Opportunities will delete this profile so that it cannot be used again.

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

Please tick one:

- I agree to all of the above
- I agree to all of the above but wish for my child to remain anonymous
- I **DO NOT** consent to my child’s image, story or profile being used for Youth Opportunities and its partners media purposes

**Scholarship Applicant Name:**  
(please print)

Scholarship Applicant Signature:

Date:

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

**Parent/Guardian Name:**  
(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: