Post-school and tertiary scholarships for students from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds
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Introduction

The information in this document is accurate at July 2021. For the most up-to-date information on the scholarships offered by individual institutions, please see the relevant links provided.

This document provides an overview of TAFE and university scholarships available to students from refugee or asylum seeker students in NSW.

Information collected from a range of tertiary and vocational education and training providers is provided here to assist schools in supporting senior students from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds to access post-school qualifications or tertiary education.

The information should be used as a guide on the scholarship opportunities available for refugee and asylum seeker students. Staff and students should use the links provided to directly access information about the eligibility and application requirements of each program, and to confirm application opening and closing dates.
Australian Catholic University

Creating Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Assists commencing students who are suffering hardship to access higher education.

Scholarship value

One-off payment:
• $4,000, to be paid in one lump sum.

Ongoing:
• up to $16,000 to be paid in instalments of $2,000 per semester for full-time students and $1,000 for part-time students.

There are 40 scholarships available
• a minimum of five will be awarded to students at ACU’s Blacktown campus
• all applicants will be considered for both one-off and ongoing scholarships

Available to
• commencing undergraduate students

Studying in
• any undergraduate course

Eligibility
• domestic and international students who hold a Temporary Protection visa (TPV) or
 • a Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) or
 • asylum seekers on a Bridging visa A (BVA) or E (BVE)

Requirements

1. A written statement of approximately 200 words outlining:
• any hardship or barriers you have faced in accessing higher education.
• how your degree will change your future.

2. Evidence to support hardship outlined in written statement. This may include:
• Centrelink or bank statement,
• statement from a medical professional,
• statutory declaration, or
• other relevant document.

For information: https://acu.smapply.io/prog/creating_opportunity_fund_scholarship/
Applications open: Late August 2021
Applications close: Late February 2022
Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

Supports school leavers in outer regional and remote areas with relocation to commence tertiary study.

Scholarship value

- $5,000 to be paid in two instalments in the first year of study:
  - $3,000 in semester one, and
  - $2,000 in semester two.
- recipients are also eligible for (subject to availability) discounted accommodation rates with savings up to $100 per week / $5,200 per annum (see below for further details).

Available to

- commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- a Diploma
- an Advanced Diploma
- an Associate Degree
- a Bachelor Degree
- a Bachelor Honours Degree
- a Graduate Certificate
- a Graduate Diploma

Eligibility

- 22 years or under at the time of commencing the course.
- Australian citizen, or
- Australian permanent resident, or
- New Zealand citizen (must meet Australian Residence rules under section 7 of the Social Security Act 1991), or
- permanent humanitarian visa holder
- parent(s) or guardian(s) combined income is less than $250,000
- family home is located in an outer-regional, remote or very remote area and at least 90 minutes by public transport to your intended ACU campus.

For information: [https://acu.smapply.io/prog/tertiary_access_payment_tap_scholarship/](https://acu.smapply.io/prog/tertiary_access_payment_tap_scholarship/)

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
Charles Sturt University

CSU Foundation Refugee Scholarship

Scholarship value

- 3 Year degree full time or part time equivalent
  - $15,000 (paid as one instalment of $5,000 per year)
- 4 Year degree full time or part time equivalent
  - $20,000 (paid as one instalment of $5,000 per year)

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- online, on campus or mixed mode (on campus and online)
- any undergraduate or postgraduate course in:
  - Albury-Wodonga
  - Bathurst
  - Dubbo
  - Orange
  - Port Macquarie
  - Wagga Wagga

Eligibility

- Refugee subclass (200) or
- Humanitarian Visa subclasses (201, 203, 204, 866) or
- other future refugee visa subclasses (as determined by the Australian Government)

For information: https://study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships/find-scholarship/foundation/any-year/csu-refugee-scholarship#tab2

To apply: https://study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships/find-scholarship/foundation/any-year/csu-refugee-scholarship#tab4

Applications Open: Late August/ Early September

Applications Close: Late February
Kaplan Business School

KBS Scholarship for Asylum-seekers

Scholarship value

- 100% of the tuition fee for the duration of the chosen course of study.

Available to

- commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students from asylum-seeker backgrounds

Studying

- any course in the Kaplan Business School

Eligibility

- Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790).
- meet Kaplan Business School’s academic requirements for the course offered.
- meet Kaplan Business School’s English language proficiency requirements for the course offered
- not be a recipient of any other Kaplan Business School scholarship, award or promotion.
- able to commence studies at the beginning of any of the Trimesters.

For information: https://www.kbs.edu.au/admissions/scholarships and scroll down to Scholarship for Asylum Seekers

For direct access to scholarship application form: https://www.kbs.edu.au/documents/scholarship-asylum-seekers

Applications Close: 21 September 2021
Macquarie University

Macquarie Education Costs Scholarships

Supports recipients whose opportunities to study at university may have been hampered by situations out of their control.

Scholarship value

- $5,610 renewable annually up to four (4) years.

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying in

- any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Indigenous background
- non-English speaking background
- demonstrated financial hardship
- recipient of Youth Allowance or other means-tested Commonwealth support
- capacity to triumph over hardship
- geographic disadvantage
- carer responsibilities
- long term medical condition or
- ongoing effects of abuse


Macquarie Accommodation Scholarships

Awarded on the basis of need to students who have relocated to study at Macquarie University from a regional or rural area. Designed to support regional or rural recipients whose opportunities to study at university may have been hampered by situations out of their control.

Scholarship value

- $11,220 renewable annually up to four (4) years.
Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate students
  - relocating from a regional or rural area to study at Macquarie University
  - studying as an internal student

Studying

- any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Indigenous background
- non-English speaking background
- demonstrated financial hardship
- recipient of Youth Allowance or other means-tested Commonwealth support
- capacity to triumph over hardship
- geographic disadvantage
- carer responsibilities
- long term medical condition or
- ongoing effects of abuse


Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program

Improves access to and completion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) tertiary education courses, including in the fields of health and agricultural science.

The program aims to:

- increase the number of students engaging with STEM disciplines
- increase the number of students able to undertake their preferred course of STEM study, irrespective of their location
- increase program participants' rate of course completion relative to their peers.

Scholarship value

- up to $18,000 depending on the length of the course.
  - plus up to $5,000 to support an internship

Available to

- commencing undergraduate students in rural and regional areas of NSW
Studying

- any eligible undergraduate STEM course

Eligibility

- Australian citizen
- permanent resident
- hold a permanent humanitarian visa or
- New Zealand citizen living in Australia
- reside in a regional or remote area as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

For information: https://www.qtac.edu.au/educational-access-scheme/
https://www.qtac.edu.au/rres-program/
Call 1800 290 979

Applications open: Mid-December
NSW Government

Smart and Skilled fee-free scholarships

Designed to help students get training to gain the skills they need to get the job they want without worrying about course fees.

Scholarship value

- cost of the traineeship.
  - does not include equipment and/or excursion costs

Available to

- young people wanting to get a qualification

Studying

- Certificate I up to Certificate IV

Eligibility

- 15 years or older; and
- no longer at school or its equivalent; and
- live or work in New South Wales; and
- hold one of the following visas:

Permanent:

- Emergency rescue visa (Subclass 203)
- Global special humanitarian programme visa (Subclass 202)
- In-country special humanitarian programme visa (Subclass 201)
- Protection visa (Subclass 866)
- Refugee visa (Subclass 200)
- Woman at Risk visa (Subclass 204)

Temporary:

- Bridging Visa A (BVA), Bridging Visa B (BVB), Bridging Visa C (BVC), Bridging Visa D (BVD), or Bridging Visa E (BVE)
- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (Subclass 790)
- Temporary Protection visa (Subclass 785), Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (Subclass 786), Temporary Humanitarian Stay visa (Subclass 449).

To find the right Smart and Skilled Course and Provider: [https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/finding-a-course-trainingprov](https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/finding-a-course-trainingprov)


Applications Dates: Various (check with provider)
Public Education Foundation

Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship

Scholarship value

- up to $2,000 per year for a maximum of two years full time university of TAFE study

Available to

- commencing full time university or TAFE students with a refugee background

Studying

- any two-year university or TAFE course

Eligibility

- refugee
- attend an Australian Public School
- currently in Year 12
- Australian citizen or
- permanent resident

Note: Students who have applied for protection but do not currently have either permanent residence or Australian Citizenship will be considered on a case by case basis.

Selection criteria

- demonstrated personal or socioeconomic disadvantage
- demonstrated academic progress whilst at school
- an understanding of how their current subject selection and/or work experience will assist them their future study/work goals
- a positive attitude towards schooling, including high attendance
- active participation in school life
- contribution in the community and/or in extracurricular activities

Requirements

- university or TAFE course preferences including name of institution and name of degree/course (you must submit at least one preference but you can enter up to three)
- a statement outlining why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria (Maximum 400 words)
- a brief explanation of how your current subject selection and/or work experience will assist you in your future study and/or work goals
- a copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- a personal reference from someone who knows you. It could be a teacher, coach, family friend or an employer. (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words)
supporting statement from your Principal which addresses the selection criteria (the applicant must initiate a request via the online application to the Principal. This will result in an email being sent to the Principal asking them to complete a statement of support online)


To apply: http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships

For the terms and conditions: http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/scholarships-and-awards-terms-and-conditions/

Applications Close: Midnight 3 August 2021
SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarship

Supports people from refugee backgrounds in NSW to achieve independence by minimising the financial barriers experienced by refugees.

Scholarship value

- $5,000 per year

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and graduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course at an approved institution in NSW

Eligibility

- refugee background on a humanitarian visa
  - Subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, or 204
- living in Australia for five years or less
- reside and study in NSW
- not a previous recipient of the SSI scholarship

For information, Application Guidelines and the Application Process:

For information on university scholarships and to download the application form:

For Vocational Education and Training scholarships and to download the application form:

Applications open: Monday, 19 October 2020

Applications close: 5pm 9 November 2020
University of Sydney

Humanitarian High Achiever Scholarship

Financially supports an asylum seeker to commence an undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney.

Scholarship value

- up to $50,000 per year for the duration of the course of study

Available to

- commencing university students who
  - have completed an Australian year 12 program (or equivalent) in the year before commencing study
  - have been living in Australia for a minimum of 12 months before commencing study
  - have not previously undertaken tertiary education in Australia.

Studying

- any undergraduate course up to four (4) years in
  - STEM,
  - architecture and design,
  - commerce (excluding economics) or
  - pharmacy

Eligibility

- international student
- hold asylum seeker status in Australia including one of the following visas (or equivalent) at the time of application:
  - Bridging Visa E or A (and have made an application for a Protection Visa)
  - Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785)
  - Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)


To apply: [https://sydneyuniversity.formstack.com/forms/uniw_humanitarian](https://sydneyuniversity.formstack.com/forms/uniw_humanitarian)

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

An initiative of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment which aims to assist outer regional and remote school leavers to undertake tertiary study.

Scholarship value

- $5,000 paid in 2 instalments in your first year of study
  - $3,000 in semester one
  - $2,000 in semester two

The payments may be used for anything related to your relocation, including accommodation, travel, food or study supplies.

Available to

Students

- under the age of 22 years old.
- living in an outer regional, remote or very remote area for at least six months prior to commencing undergraduate study, as per the Australian Statistical Geography Standard remoteness classifications and the Student Regional Area Search tool.
- living more than 90 minutes away, by public transport, from the University of Sydney.
- intending to relocate to reduce travel time below 90 min to attend face-to-face teaching on campus, or duel delivery mode, at the University of Sydney (a tentative new address must be provided in the application).
- parent(s) and/or carer(s) having a combined income of less than $250,000.

Studying

- an undergraduate degree or combined undergraduate degree
  - enrolled in at least 75 per cent of a full time study load over a 12 month period immediately following the completion of the HSC or equivalent qualification.

Eligibility

- Australian citizen,
- Australian permanent resident,
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder, or

Terms and Conditions: [https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/e/tertiary-access-payment.html](https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/e/tertiary-access-payment.html)

To apply: [https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/scholarships/application-for-tertiary-access-payment.pdf](https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/scholarships/application-for-tertiary-access-payment.pdf)

Application form: [https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/e/tertiary-access-payment.html](https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/e/tertiary-access-payment.html)

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
University of Technology Sydney

Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

An initiative of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment which aims to assist outer regional and remote school leavers to undertake tertiary study.

Scholarship value

- $5,000 paid in 2 instalments in your first year of study
  - $3,000 in semester one
  - $2,000 in semester two

The payments may be used for anything related to your relocation, including accommodation, travel, food or study supplies.

Available to

Students

- under the age of 22 years old.
- living in an outer regional, remote or very remote area for at least six months prior to commencing undergraduate study, as per the Australian Statistical Geography Standard remoteness classifications and the Student Regional Area Search tool.
- living more than 90 minutes away, by public transport, from the UTS.
- intending to relocate to reduce travel time below 90 min to attend face-to-face teaching on campus, or duel delivery mode, at the University of Technology Sydney (a tentative new address must be provided in the application).
- parent(s) and/or carer(s) having a combined income of less than $250,000.

Studying

- an undergraduate degree or combined undergraduate degree
  - enrolled in at least 75 per cent of a full time study load over a 12 month period immediately following the completion of the HSC or equivalent qualification.

Eligibility

- Australian citizen,
- Australian permanent resident,
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder, or New Zealand citizen meeting Australian Residence rules under section 7 of the Social Security Act 1991.

For terms and conditions and to apply: https://www.uts.edu.au/scholarship/tertiary-access-payment-tap
Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
UTS Humanitarian Scholarship

Established to support undergraduate study for students holding Asylum Seeker Bridging Visas or Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) across all UTS faculties that offer undergraduate degrees.

Scholarship value

- Tuition Fees + Student Services & Amenities Fees.
  - A stipend will be provided if funding is available

Available to

- commencing full time undergraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate course

Eligibility

- temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and
- hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and have made an application for a Protection Visa), or
- Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785), or
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790), and
- have applied and been deemed eligible for admission to a UTS undergraduate degree, and
- have not commenced or completed any other undergraduate degree in Australia, and
- be able to demonstrate that you do not have the financial means to support payment of your tuition fees without receiving the Scholarship

Requirements

All candidates must

- apply and complete the UTS online scholarships application
- be available to attend an interview in person, if required.

For Terms and Conditions:


Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
Western Sydney University

Ali Yassine Equity Scholarship

Supports educational aspirations of students who are disadvantaged or come from difficult circumstances.

Scholarship value

- $7,500 paid annually for three (3) years

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course

Eligibility

- permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years.
- demonstrate disadvantage based on the Western Opportunity and Equity criteria
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based in equity considerations as assessed by the University
- some preference will be given to students of Islamic Faith

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant's background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/ALIYASSIN

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Allianz Refugee Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $7,500 for one (1) year
Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate course in the
  - School of Education;
  - School of Medicine;
  - School of Nursing and Midwifery; or
  - School of Science and Health

Eligibility

- receive an offer to study or be currently enrolled in any degree within the School of Education, School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Midwifery or School of Science and Health
- Australian citizen or
- Permanent resident who has been granted a humanitarian visa, preferably within the last five years
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, as assessed by the University

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/ALLIANZRE

Chancellor’s Scholarship

Provides opportunity and encouragement to students who might not otherwise have the chance to study at university because of financial hardship or other circumstances.

Scholarship value

- $7,500 for one (1) year

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students
Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course of study or
- Foundations Studies or
- a Diploma course or
- an Associate Degree

Eligibility

- permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years.
- have received an offer to study or be currently enrolled full-time or part-time in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate course degree at Western Sydney University, Foundation Studies, Diploma or Associate Degree at The College
- demonstrate financial or other hardship, as assessed by the university

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant's background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/CHANCELLOR

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Crescent Foundation Leadership Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $7,500 per year for three (3) years

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate course of study

Eligibility

- receive an offer to study fulltime or part-time in any degree
- Australian citizen or
- Permanent resident who has been granted a humanitarian visa, preferably within the last five years
• demonstrate academic potential through a minimum ATAR of 85 or equivalent for new students or through a GPA of 5 or higher for continuing students. (Non-current school leaver applicants will be considered on the basis of work experience and educational qualifications)

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application indicating
  o how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/CRESCENTL

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Dr Mushtaq A Khan Scholarship

Scholarship value

• $7,500 for one (1) year

Available to

• commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying

• any undergraduate course of study

Eligibility

• be of Pakistani heritage, with either themselves or a parent being born in Pakistan
• demonstrate financial or other hardship based on the Opportunity and Equity criteria
• Australian citizen
• permanent resident, or
• hold a Permanent Humanitarian Visa

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application indicating
  o how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.
Fatma Yassine Equity Scholarship for Women

Supports the educational aspirations of those who are disadvantaged, or come from difficult circumstances.

**Scholarship value**
- $7,500 per year for three (3) years

**Available to**
- commencing and continuing female undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Studying**
- any undergraduate or postgraduate course of study

**Eligibility**
- female
- hold a permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years.
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the University

**Requirements**
- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with their studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant's background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/FYASSINE

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.
GHD Refugee Scholarship for Women

Scholarship value

- $7,500 per year for the duration of the course of study, up to four (4) years

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course in
  - Computing,
  - Engineering and
  - Mathematics or
  - Business or
  - Social Sciences and
  - Psychology

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or
- permanent resident who has been granted a humanitarian visa, preferably within the last five years
- female and
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the University

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/GHDREFUGE

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Great Irish Famine Memorial Scholarship

Supports a current female refugee student studying at Western Sydney University.
Scholarship value

- $7,500 for one (1) year

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or
- permanent resident who has been granted a humanitarian visa, preferably within the last five years
- female
- be currently enrolled full or part-time in any undergraduate or postgraduate degree, and have completed at least one year of undergraduate or postgraduate study
- demonstrate academic potential through a GPA of 4.0 or above

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/GIFMR

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Heather Peters Scholarship - Parramatta High School

Supports students to access tertiary qualifications and establish careers.

Scholarship value

- $7,500 per year for three (3) years

Available to

- commencing and continuing full time or part-time undergraduate students
Studying

- any undergraduate course of study

Eligibility

- recent graduate of Parramatta High School
- Australian citizen
- permanent resident
- hold a permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application indicating
  - how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/PETERSPHS

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

JD Lovich Scholarship

Established to create opportunities for young people to build their skills, make a positive contribution to their communities, and ensure that young people with big dreams, a strong work ethic and great values are not prevented by their economic circumstances from benefiting from the opportunities that Western Sydney University provides.

Scholarship value

- $7,500 per year for the duration of the course of study

Available to

- commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate course of study

Eligibility

- Australian citizen
- permanent resident
- hold a permanent humanitarian visa
• demonstrate evidence of community involvement in areas such as leadership or volunteering
• demonstrate financial hardship

Requirements
• written statement in support of the application indicating
  o how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

Selection criteria
• their written application
• academic potential
• ATAR results or previous work experience (new students)
• GPA of 5.0 (continuing students)
• their ability to meet the criteria and
• where appropriate, performance in an interview before a selection panel.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/JDLOVICH
Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Joan Reid Scholarship for Refugee Women
Established to support the educational aspirations of refugee women.

Scholarship value
• $7,500 per year for the duration of the course of study

Available to
• commencing and continuing full time undergraduate students

Studying
• any undergraduate course

Eligibility
• Australian citizen
• permanent resident, or
• hold a Permanent Humanitarian Visa.
• female

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application indicating
  o how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/JOANREID

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

John Mac Foundation Scholarship

Enables underprivileged students (especially people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds) to access higher education and connects scholarship beneficiaries to mentors.

Scholarship value

• $7,500 per year for up to three (3) years

Available to

• commencing and continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

• any undergraduate or postgraduate course or
• Foundation Studies or
• a Diploma course or
• an Associate Degree

Eligibility

• Australian citizen
• permanent resident, or
• hold a Permanent Humanitarian Visa, and
• have received an offer to study or currently enrolled at Western Sydney University, and
• demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the university

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application indicating
how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/JOHNMAC

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Liverpool Boys High School Scholarship

Established to provide opportunities for students to succeed regardless of their circumstances.

Scholarship value

• $7,500 per year for the first two (2) years of study

Available to

• commencing or first year undergraduate students

Studying

• any undergraduate course of study

Eligibility

• recent graduate of Liverpool High School
• Australian citizen
• permanent resident
• hold a permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years.
• demonstrated equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the university

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application
  o indicating how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit, and
  o highlighting extra-curricular interests, including family commitments, community engagement, volunteering, sport etc.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/LBHIGHSCH
Piccolo Me Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $7,500 for one (1) year

Available to

- commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate or postgraduate course of study

Eligibility

- Australian citizen
- permanent resident
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the university.

Preference will be given to a student with a refugee background.

Requirements

- written statement in support of the application
  - indicating how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/PICCOLO

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Scholarship for Asylum-seekers

Established for asylum seekers who have been living in Australia for a minimum of twelve months, have not undertaken any previous tertiary education in Australia and are suffering social and financial disadvantage.
Scholarship value

- for the duration of the student's degree unless Visa status changes. It may include one or more of the following:
  - the relevant course tuition fees, which are not less than the minimum international tuition fees for an undergraduate course;
  - the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF); and
  - a bursary amount of up to $2,000 for books and other mandatory course materials.

Available to

- commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- any undergraduate course of study, or
- Foundation Studies, or
- Extended Diploma

Eligibility

- born overseas
- have resided in Australia for at least one year
- hold a temporary protection visa (TPV) or a Bridging Visa E with study rights
- not hold a qualification from an Australian university
- not enrolled at an Australian university

Requirements

- have completed the NSW Higher School Certificate or an equivalent school qualification;
- have studied English as a Second Language (2 unit) to attain a NSW Higher School Certificate (if applicable);
- demonstrate prior work experience and or education qualifications, if a non-current school leaver;
- have received a full offer of admission into a Western Sydney University (or Western Sydney University The College) by the time the scholarship application is considered (25 January each year);
- have leave (if housed in a facility) to attend the University and be able to complete the course during the period remaining on their visa;
- have Proficiency in English (minimum IELTS of 6.5) or agree to undertake:
  - the Western Sydney University The College's Academic English for Tertiary Studies course;
  - a TAFE Certificate IV in English for Academic Purposes;
  - or an English course offered by another provider who will meet the cost of the course;
- be experiencing financial hardship;
- be able to demonstrate social or other disadvantage and able to provide details of asylum seeker or refugee background;
Other requirements

- personal statement which covers the following points:
  - clear commitment to learning and study;
  - demonstrated academic ability;
  - good citizenship;
  - what the applicant would like to achieve through study at Western Sydney University and by receiving a scholarship.

- personal reference from a referee who has been known by the applicant for at least 12 months. A referee statement should comment on the applicant's:
  - clear commitment to learning and study;
  - suitability for university study and a scholarship;
  - demonstrated academic ability;
  - good citizenship.

Selection criteria

- a referee's statement,
- the applicant's personal statement,
- the applicant’s educational documents or a statutory declaration as to their educational history and financial circumstances, the applicant's visa notification letter, and
- the applicant’s performance at the interview, where necessary.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/ASYLUMSEE

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

Established to support school leavers from outer regional or remote areas who relocate to undertake full time, higher-level tertiary education (Certificate IV and above), either face to face or in dual delivery method for at least part of the course, and their home is more than 90 minutes from their education provider.

Scholarship value

- $5,000 to be paid in two instalments in the first year of study:
  - $3,000 in semester one, and
  - $2,000 in semester two.

Available to

- commencing undergraduate students relocating from a regional or remote area of NSW

Studying

- any undergraduate course
Eligibility

- Australian citizen, or
- Australian permanent resident, or
- New Zealand citizen (meet Australian Residence rules under Sec. 7 of the Social Security Act 1991), or
- hold a permanent humanitarian visa
- be from an outer regional, remote or very remote area (go to the [Student Regional Area Search](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/TAP) tool to check your area)
- be relocating to study at an education provider that is at least 90 minutes by public transport from your home
- undertaking eligible tertiary study at a registered higher education provider in Australia at the next available opportunity in the year immediately following your completion of Year 12 or a Year 12 equivalent course (or the first available semester of your chosen course if the course has a mid-year, or later, start)
- enrolled in a Certificate IV or above qualification, with a course duration of at least one academic year
- enrolled in full-time study over one academic year
- parent/guardian(s) combined annual income of less than $250,000.

Requirements

- evidence of outer-regional, remote or very remote address
- evidence of relocation
- evidence of parental income threshold of $250,000

For information:
[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/TAP](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/TAP)

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

The College Refugee Scholarship

Provides assistance to refugees in gaining English Language entry requirements to commence study in The College programs or Western Sydney University in keeping with The College social responsibility values.

Scholarship value

- Up to $12,00 for English language courses

Available to

- commencing undergraduate students
**Studying**

- in The College English Language Program (ELP)

**Eligibility**

- have been living in Australia for five years or less and currently hold, or previously have held, one of the following visas:
  - Subclass 200, Subclass 201, Subclass 202, Subclass 203, Subclass 204 or Subclass 866
- supply evidence that you satisfy the academic requirements for study at Western Sydney University
- have a clear study pathway plan to Western Sydney University
- be able to attend English classes at Sydney Olympic Park on a full-time basis
- must have completed CSWE 3/4 level of English or have an IELTS 4.5 level of English or equivalent in The College test

**Requirements**

- a written statement (approx. 200 words) describing:
  - their past education and work experience, their future plans and their reasons for wanting to study at Western Sydney University
- attend an interview with the scholarship Selection Committee

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/COLREFUG

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

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**Tony Cline Scholarship**

**Scholarship value**

- $7,500 per year for the duration of the course of study

**Available to**

- commencing undergraduate students

**Studying**

- any undergraduate course

**Eligibility**

- Australian citizen
- permanent resident
- hold a Humanitarian visa
• reside in the Penrith LGA
• demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on equity considerations as assessed by the university.

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application
  o indicating how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/TONYCLY

Refer to website for opening and closing dates.

WSU Refugee Scholarship

Established to provide ongoing support to talented and hardworking students from a refugee or asylum seeker background.

Scholarship value

• $7,500 per year for the duration of the course of study

Available to

• commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

• any undergraduate or postgraduate course, or
• Foundation Studies, or
• a Diploma course, or
• an Associate degree

Eligibility

• Australian citizen or permanent resident
• hold a permanent humanitarian visa granted within the last five years
• receive an offer to study or
• currently enrolled full-time or part-time in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework, Foundation Studies, Diploma or Associate Degree

Requirements

• written statement in support of the application
• indicating how they believe the receipt of the scholarship will assist them with your studies and in their future career. This statement should give a sufficient explanation of the applicant’s background and current circumstances to enable the University to judge their eligibility, need and merit.

• a copy of the ‘Document to Travel to Australia’ or Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) letter from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

For information:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/WSYDREF

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