

# APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provide financial support to help students with the costs of tertiary education. Find out about the types of scholarships available and learn how to complete your scholarship application. Many institutions and organisations also offer scholarships outside the VTAC scholarships process.



## Scholarships

VTAC accepts scholarship applications from individuals who submit a VTAC course application, as well as from those who are already tertiary students or who have applied to tertiary study through other processes.

Scholarships can assist with the cost of tertiary study and can be awarded for many reasons. These include scholarships for academic achievement, Indigenous Australians, community service, financial disadvantage and for other equity and access groups.

## Applying through VTAC?

The institutions that provide VTAC applicants with the opportunity to submit a VTAC scholarship application can be [found here on our website](#).

To be considered, you must:

- submit a course application through VTAC, and
- meet the citizenship and other eligibility requirements listed for your course on the VTAC scholarships page.

## Types of scholarships through VTAC:

- **Access and equity scholarships:** These are most often awarded for access and equity reasons, including financial disadvantage, relocating from regional and rural areas or being part of an under-represented group.
- **Merit scholarships:** Merit scholarships are awarded for achievement. This may be assessed by a range of criteria, not only your ATAR. (Merit scholarships do not require a scholarships application)
- **Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships:** Commonwealth scholarships are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants across a variety of categories.

## How to apply?

The equity schemes and scholarships application will become available in your account after you have submitted and paid for your course application. You can apply to one or more of the categories that apply to you:

- Financial hardship
- Living with a disability or medical condition
- Difficult family and life circumstances
- Leadership experience
- Community service
- Scholarship benefit statement

## Make sure you:

- Write your application statements in your own words. Institutions simply want to know your story from your point of view.
- Allow time to draft. This is so you are confident you have explained the circumstance and their impact on your education.
- Research the requirements. Some categories will require additional evidence. And some institutions will require direct applications.

## When will I know my outcome?

Advice will be posted in your VTAC account by December offers. You will receive one of the below types of advice:

- Advice that your scholarship application is on a waiting list. Should you be successful, further information will be sent to you directly from the institution once course offers have been determined.
- Advice that the scholarship application has not been successful.

## Researching scholarships

Research the scholarships available through VTAC as well as other organisations.

- [Types of scholarships available through VTAC](#)
- [Scholarships available through institutions](#)
- Other scholarships are offered directly through government, community and business organisations.

## Not applying through VTAC?

Examples of individuals not applying for courses through VTAC, who may wish to submit a scholarships application, include those:

- applying for Victorian courses through UAC (the Universities Admissions Centre in New South Wales)
- already enrolled in a tertiary course
- who have deferred
- who want to transfer between tertiary courses, or
- who are applying for courses directly to the institution.

If you meet any of these criteria, you can apply for scholarships through the “Scholarship-only” application that will appear once you complete your profile. **Only individuals not applying through VTAC can complete the “scholarship-only” application.**