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The NSW Department of Education acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present as ongoing teachers of knowledge, songlines, and stories. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and strive to ensure every Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learner in NSW achieves their potential through education.

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Disclaimer

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

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing, July 2026, and is subject to change. Staff and students should use the links provided to directly access information about eligibility and application requirements of each program and to confirm application opening and closing dates.

Introduction

The information in this document is accurate as of July 2026. For the most up-to-date information on the scholarships offered by individual institutions please use the relevant links provided.

This document provides an overview (rather than an exhaustive list) of TAFE and university scholarships available to students from refugee or asylum seeker students in NSW.

Information provided here is collected from a range of tertiary and vocational education and training providers 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 background 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.

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Australian Catholic University

ACU Refugee Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Full cost of tuition fees, student services and amenities fees, overseas student health cover

There is one (1) scholarship available.

Available to

- Future or commencing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate course

Eligibility

Domestic and international students who meet any of the following criteria:

- Temporary Protection visa (TPV – Subclass 785)
- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV – Subclass 790)
- Temporary Humanitarian Stay visa (Subclass 449)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (Subclass 786)
- Anyone on a bridging visa who has applied for a Permanent Protection visa (Subclass 866)
- have received an offer to study at ACU as an International student
- have a connection with an ACU partner of community organisation who will act as a sponsor and can provide a written reference.

Requirements

1. A written statement of approximately 300 words outlining:
   - why you are undertaking an ACU degree
   - how this course supports your long-term career goals
2. A written reference from an ACU partner or community organisation.
3. Evidence to support hardship outlined in written statement. This may include:
   - certified copy of passport
   - certified copy of visa
   - certified copy of ImmiCard (if available)
   - year and name of school where Year 12 studies were undertaken
   - copy of ACU offer letter.

For information: ACU Refugee Scholarship

Application period: **1 June 2026 – 1 July 2026**

Creating Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Scholarship value

- One-off payment of $4,000 to be paid in one lump sum

There are 18 scholarships available.

Available to

- Future or commencing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate course

Eligibility

Domestic and international asylum seeker students who hold any of the following visas:

- Temporary Protection visa (TPV)
- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV)
- Bridging visa A (BVA) or E (BVE)
- Temporary Humanitarian Stay visa (Subclass 449)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (Subclass 786).

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
   - other relevant documents.

For more information and to apply: Creating Opportunity Fund Scholarship
Applications open: **Late October** Applications close: **Early March**

Charles Sturt University

Charles and Judith Boag Refugee Support Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Up to $47,000 for one (1) year

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying

- Online, on campus or mixed mode (on campus and online) at any CSU campus
- Any undergraduate degree

Eligibility

- Refugee visa (subclass 200)
- Humanitarian visa (201, 203, 204, 866)
- Bridging Visa A, Bridging Visa E
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790)
- Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785)
- Other future refugee visa subclasses (as determined by the Australian Government)

For more information and to apply: Charles and Judith Boag Refugee Support Scholarship

Applications open: **Mid-September – October 2026** Applications Close: **January 2027**

RYR Tolentino Family Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $3000 to be paid 2 × $500 per year, up to 3 years

Available to

- Commencing and continuing students

Studying

- Online, on campus or mixed mode (on campus and online)
- Any undergraduate degree full time

Eligibility

- Students experiencing financial hardship

- Refugee and recent migrants
- 1st or 2nd year students

For more information and to apply: RYR Tolentino Family Scholarship - Scholarships

Applications close: **Early February 2027**

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)
- Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 or 051)
- 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

To apply, complete the scholarship application form in the scholarship information booklet.

Applications close: **Early March 2027** Important Dates – Admissions – Kaplan Business School

Macquarie University

Asylum Seeker Fee Waiver Sponsorship

Requirements

- Full tuition

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate, Foundation, or Diploma course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Holder of a bridging or temporary visa and currently seeking asylum in Australia
- Receive a full offer of admission to study an undergraduate degree at Macquarie University.
- Demonstrate financial need

Requirements

- Personal statement outlining commitment to study and how the scholarship will benefit you
- A letter of reference
- Attend an interview

For information and to apply: Asylum Seeker Fee Waiver Sponsorship | Macquarie University Sydney

Application open: **TBC check website late August**

Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships

Scholarship value

- Up to $40,000 for undergraduate Initial Teacher Education for the standard duration of the course

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary), Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), Bachelor of Education (Primary), or Bachelor of Education Secondary)

Eligibility

- Australian or New Zealand citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- Permanent humanitarian visa
- Willing to commit to teaching up to four (4) years in a government school or government-run early learning setting

For information and to apply: Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships or Teaching Scholarships
Application dates: **Round 3 applications to open in late 2026**

Dr Melanie Beresford Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $7,500 one-off award

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate **female-identifying** students

Studying in

- Economics or Commerce

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in the Bachelor of Economics, or Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics at the Macquarie Business School

Consideration is given to factors including:

- demonstrated leadership qualities/potential through commitment to community service and/or extra-curricular activities
- demonstrated record of high academic achievement.

For information: Dr Melanie Beresford Scholarship
Applications open: **Late August 2026**

Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Central Courtyard)

Scholarship value

- Full cost of accommodation at the Macquarie University Central Courtyard Accommodation for up to three (3) years

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate full-time students relocating from a regional or rural area to study at Macquarie University

Studying

- Any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Demonstrated financial hardship via submission of a UAC Equity Scholarship application
- Residence in a regional or remote area
- Be a recipient of a Centrelink means-tested Income Support Payment

For information: Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Central Courtyard)

Applications open: **Late August 2026**

Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Dunmore Lang College)

Scholarship value

- Standard room and board cover 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

- Any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Applied for a place at Dunmore Lang College
- Residence in a regional or remote area
- Demonstrated leadership qualities/potential through commitment to community service and/or extra-curricular activities

For information: Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Dunmore Lang College)

Applications open: **Late August 2026**

Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Robert Menzies College)

Scholarship value

- Fully catered cover for one (1) year

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students relocating from a regional or rural area to study at Macquarie University

Studying

- Any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Residence in a regional or remote area
- Demonstrated leadership qualities/potential through commitment to community service and/or extra-curricular activities

For information: Macquarie Advantage Accommodation Scholarship (Robert Menzies College)

Applications open: **Late August 2026**

Macquarie Education Costs Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $6,000 renewable annually up to four (4) years

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Non-English speaking background
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Recipient of Youth Allowance or other means-tested Commonwealth support

Consideration is given to factors including:

- capacity to triumph over hardship
- geographic disadvantage
- carer responsibilities
- long term disability or medical condition or
- ongoing effects of trauma and abuse.

For information: Macquarie University Education Costs Scholarship

Applications: **open in the UAC Equity Scholarship website**

Equity Scholarships - UAC

Macquarie Regional and Remote Support Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $10,000 renewable annually up to four (4) years

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate on-campus course at Macquarie University

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Residence in a regional or remote area
- Demonstrated financial hardship
- Recipient of Youth Allowance or other means-tested Commonwealth support

Consideration is given to factors including:

- capacity to triumph over hardship
- geographic disadvantage
- carer responsibilities
- long term disability or medical condition or
- ongoing effects of trauma and abuse.

For information: Macquarie Regional and Remote Support Scholarship
Applications: **open in the UAC Equity Scholarship website**
Equity Scholarships - UAC

Macquarie University Accommodation Sustainability Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Full cover of the cost of accommodation in a 6-bedroom apartment located in the Central Courtyard precinct for up to three (3) years

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate students

Studying in

- Any undergraduate course

Eligibility

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- Received and accepted an Offer of Admission through UAC for an undergraduate degree at Macquarie University
- Demonstrated financial need via submission of a UAC Equity Scholarship application
- Be a recipient of a Centrelink means-tested Income Support Payment

For information: Macquarie University Accommodation Sustainability Scholarship

Applications open: **Late August 2026**

Equity Scholarships - UAC

Public Education Foundation

Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Up to $2,000 per year for a maximum of two years full time public university or TAFE study in 2027

Available to

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

Studying

- Any two-year university or TAFE course

Eligibility

- Refugee background
- Attend an Australian Public School
- Currently in Year 12
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Planning to enrol full-time in a TAFE course or university degree in 2027

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

- Experiencing personal or socioeconomic disadvantage
- Evidence of educational disadvantage prior to arriving in Australia
- Clear commitment to a chosen career path and suitable subject/work experience choices
- Academic progress in high school
- Positive school attendance and strong attendance
- Participation in school life
- Involvement in the community and/or 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 your current circumstances and why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship (maximum 250 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 (250 words)
- 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).

For information: Friends of Zainab Tertiary Scholarship
To apply: Complete and submit the online scholarship application form
For the terms and conditions: Read the Terms and conditions before applying
Applications close: **4th September 2026**

National Tertiary Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Up to $3,000 per year for a maximum of three (3) years full time university study

Available to

- Commencing university students

Studying

- Any course in university

Eligibility

- Attend an Australian Public School in a metropolitan area
- Currently in Year 12
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Commitment to studying full-time at university or TAFE in 2027

Selection criteria

- Evidence that current study, academic record, or work experience is appropriate to the nominated tertiary study or training
- Motivation to complete the nominated study
- Clear career path and educational alignment
- Equity or financial disadvantage impacting education
- Positive school engagement, including high attendance
- Participation in school and extracurricular activities

For information: National Tertiary Scholarship - Public Education Foundation
To apply: Complete and submit the online scholarship application form
For the terms and conditions: Read the Terms and conditions before applying
Applications close: **4th September 2026**

NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Up to $3,000 per year for a maximum of three (3) years full time university study

Available to

- Commencing university students with a refugee background

Studying

- Nursing or Midwifery degree in university

Eligibility

- Refugee
- Attend NSW Public School
- Currently in Year 12
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Commitment to studying an NMBA approved Nursing or Midwifery degree through TAFE NSW or a NSW public university
- Sufficient proficiency in English to pass the IELTS requirements for university entry or ELS requirements for a nursing diploma through TAFE NSW

Selection criteria

- Evidence that current study, academic record, or work experience is appropriate to the nominated tertiary study or training
- Strongly articulate commitment to a career in nursing or midwifery
- Experiencing equity hardship(s) that may prevent them from otherwise successfully transitioning to post-school study or training
- A positive attitude towards schooling, including high attendance
- Active participation in school life
- Contribution in the community and/or in extracurricular activities

For information: NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association Scholarship

To apply: Complete and submit the online scholarship application form

For the terms and conditions: Read the Terms and conditions before applying

Applications close: **4th September 2026**

Settlement Services International

SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarship Program

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 117, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 449, 790, 842, 866
- Applicants on Bridging SHEV 790 or TPV 785 are also eligible to apply but must consider visa obligations
- Living in Australia for five years or less (except for eligible Bridging and 851 visa holders)
- Reside and study in NSW, QLD or VIC
- Not a previous recipient of the SSI scholarship

For information: SSI Allianz Refugee Education Scholarship Program

Applications: **TBC Check website**

University of New South Wales

Cecilia Brungs Refugee & Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Scholarship value

- $5, 000 per annum stipend for duration of study program

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any eligible UNSW coursework degree

Eligibility

You must be a refugee or asylum seeker holding one of the following visas at the time of application:

- Refugee Visa (Subclass 200, 201, 203 and 204)
- Global Special Humanitarian Visa (Subclass 202)
- Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) Visa (Subclass 449)
- Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass 786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)
- Protection Visa (Subclass 866)
- Bridging Visa.

Requirements

A copy of one of the following documents must be provided at the time of application:

- passport
- ImmiCard
- Titre de Voyage
- PL056 (M56)
- Document For Travel To Australia (DFTTA).

Selection Criteria

Each applicant will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate:

- academic merit
- aptitude and commitment to studies at UNSW.

For information and to apply: Cecilia Brungs Refugee & Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Applications: **Check UNSW website for open dates**

Sanctuary scholarship for people seeking asylum and refugees with temporary protection

Scholarship value

- Full tuition fee scholarship for the minimum duration of the program
- $5, 000/$10 000 stipend per annum
- On-campus UNSW Accommodation to a maximum of $25, 000 per year (where accommodation is identified as a barrier to studying at UNSW)

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any eligible UNSW coursework degree

Eligibility

You must:

- have received an offer of admission or have applied for admission at UNSW
- be a refugee or asylum seeker holding one of the following visas:
  - 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)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass 786)
  - Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) Visa (Subclass 449).

Selection criteria

Each applicant will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate:

- academic merit
- aptitude and commitment to studies at UNSW.

For information and to apply: Sanctuary Scholarship

Applications open: **Check UNSW website for open dates**

HMJ Sassafras Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Full tuition fee scholarship for the minimum duration of the program
- Accommodation support up to $25,000 per annum
- $10, 000 stipend per annum

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any eligible UNSW undergraduate coursework degree

Eligibility

You must be a refugee holding one of the following visas at the time of application:

- Global Special Humanitarian Visa (Subclass 202)
- Protection Visa (Subclass 866)
- Refugee Visa (Subclass 200, 201, 203 and 204).

Requirements

A copy of one of the following documents must be provided at the time of application:

- passport
- ImmiCard
- Titre de Voyage
- PL056 (M56)
- Document For Travel To Australia (DFTTA).

Selection Criteria

Each applicant will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate:

- academic merit
- aptitude and commitment to studies at UNSW.

For information and to apply: UNSW Scholarships for Asylum Seekers and Refugee Students Commencing Term 3, 2026 | Scholarships

Applications: **Check UNSW website**

University of Notre Dame

Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

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
- Enrolled in at least 75% of a full-time study load
- Face-to-face or dual delivery mode

Studying

- university course
- Vocational Educational and Training (VET) course
- other higher education courses

Eligibility

- Have completed year 12 or equivalent
- Be 22 years old or younger at the time of commencing the course
- Australian citizen, or Australian permanent resident
- Permanent humanitarian visa holder
- Parent(s) or guardian(s) with a combined income of less than $250,000
- The family home is located in an outer-regional, remote or very remote area and at least 90 minutes by public transport to your intended campus

Required documents

Applicants will be required to provide the following as part of the application:

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

For information and to apply: Tertiary Access Payment

Applications close: **Claim anytime between 1 January and 31 December**

The Vice Chancellor's Humanitarian Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Full Tuition Fees for the duration of the course of study

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- Any eligible UNSW coursework degree

Eligibility

You must:

- be a refugee or asylum seeker background
- hold asylum seeker status in Australia, including one of the following visas:
  - Bridging Visa A
  - Bridging Visa E (with no limitation on study)
  - Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785)
  - Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass 786)
  - Resolution of Status Visa.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Committee may consider:

- financial need
- personal qualities and motivation
- community service
- academic merit.

For more information: Humanitarian Scholarship Terms and conditions (PDF 200KB)

To apply: Complete and submit the online scholarship application form

Closing date: **No closing date**

University of Sydney

The Gregg Humanitarian Scholarship for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Scholarship value

- Up to $60,000 per year up to 3 years

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- Any undergraduate course up to four (4) years

Eligibility

- International student
- Hold 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)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass 786)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Stay Visa (Subclass 449).

For more information and Terms and Conditions: The Gregg Humanitarian Scholarship

To apply: **Check website for 2027 open dates**

Humanitarian High Achiever Scholarship

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 either:

- STEM
- architecture and design
- commerce (excluding economics)
- 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).

For more information and to apply: Humanitarian High Achiever Scholarship

Applications open and close: **TBC**

University of Technology Sydney

UTS Humanitarian Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Tuition Fees + Student Services & Amenities Fees
  - A stipend will be provided if funding is available
  - A maximum of **26** scholarships are available
    - **20** for commencing **undergraduate** students having a temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status visa and holding Bridging Visa A or A, Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790).
    - **4** for commencing **undergraduate** students holding a Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (subclass 786)
    - **2** for commencing **postgraduate** students having a temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status visa and holding Bridging Visa A or A, Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790).

Available to

- Commencing full time undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any undergraduate and postgraduate course

Eligibility

- Bridging Visa E or A (and have made an application for a Protection Visa
- Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790
- 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 more information: UTS Humanitarian Scholarship

Terms and Conditions: Humanitarian Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Applications open: **1st January 2026** Applications close: **22nd June 2026**

Equal Access Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Various ($400 - $5,000)

Available to

- Commencing and continuing students

Studying

- An undergraduate degree or
- Enrolled in the Jumbunna UNISTART program

Eligibility

- Australian or New Zealand citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder
- Temporary Protection Visa holder

For information: Equal Access Scholarship

For terms and conditions: Conditions of Award (PDF 174KB)

To apply: Through Universities Admissions Centre for an Equity Scholarship

Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

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 dual delivery mode, at the University of Technology Sydney (a tentative new address must be provided in the application).
- With 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 more information: Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)

To apply: Services Australia

Western Sydney University

Aoye Group Scholarship

Scholarship value

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

Available to

- Commencing and continuing undergraduate

Studying

- Any undergraduate degree in the School of Computing, Data and Mathematical Science

Eligibility

- Hold a permanent humanitarian visa
- Demonstrate financial or other hardship, which will be assessed by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)

For information: Aoye Group Scholarship

Applications: Humanitarian Scholarships

Awarded for 2026 Check website for 2027 dates

Katie Page Scholarship for Refugee Women

Scholarship value

- $10,000 per year for up to three (3) years full time or part-time equivalent

Available to

- Commencing and continuing female undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any Western Sydnye University undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree, or Foundation Studies, Diploma, Bachelor (First Year Program, or Associate Degree at the College

Eligibility

- Female
- Hold a permanent humanitarian visa within the last five years
- Demonstrate academic potential

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: Katie Page Scholarship for Refugee Women

Applications: Humanitarian Scholarships

Awarded for 2026 Check website for 2027 dates

Joan Reid Scholarship for 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 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: Joan Reid Scholarship

Applications: Humanitarian Scholarships

Applications: Open for Session 2 2026

Scholarship for Asylum-seekers

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

Applicants must hold one of the following visas:

- Temporary Protection Visa (785)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (790)
- Bridging Visa A (010)
- Bridging Visa E (050)
- Temporary Safe Haven Visa (449).

Requirements

- Have been born overseas
- Have resided in Australia for at least one year
- Be experiencing financial hardship and able to demonstrate social or other disadvantage

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

For information: Scholarship for Asylum-seekers

Applications: Humanitarian Scholarships

Application: Open for session 1 2027

Peter Shergold Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Scholarship value

- Relevant course tuition fees for the duration of the course of study unless visa status changes
- Student Services and Amenities Fee
- Bursary of up to $5,000

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- Any undergraduate degree

Eligibility

Hold one of the following Humanitarian visas:

- Temporary Protection Visa (785)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (790)
- Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (449) but must have transitioned to 201, 785, or 786) Bridging Visa A (010)
- Bridging Visa C (030)
- Bridging Visa E (050 & 051).

Requirements

A written personal statement which covers the following points:

- clear commitment to learning and study
- demonstrated academic ability
- good citizenship

- what the applicant wants to achieve through study at Western Sydney University and by receiving the scholarship.

For information: Peter Shergold Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Applications: Humanitarian Scholarships

Awarded for 2026 Check website for 2027 dates

Stillman & Mackisack Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Scholarship value

- the relevant course tuition fees
- the Student Services and Amenities Fee
- a bursary amount of up to $2000 for books and other mandatory course materials

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate students

Studying

- Any undergraduate degree

Eligibility

- Born overseas
- Have resided in Australia for at least one year
- Hold a Temporary Protection Visa (785) or a Bridging Visa E (050) with study rights

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: Stillman & Mackisack Asylum Seeker Scholarship

Applications: Check Humanitarian Scholarships

Awarded for 2026 Check website for 2027 dates

Tertiary Access Payment Scholarship

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 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

To apply: Services Australia

Western Sydney University Refugee Scholarship

Scholarship value

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

Available to

- Commencing undergraduate and postgraduate students

Studying

- Any undergraduate 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

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: WSU Refugee Scholarship

Applications: Check Humanitarian Scholarships

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Fatma Yassine Equity Scholarship for Women

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 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: Fatma Yassine Equity Scholarship for Women

Applications: Check Humanitarian Scholarships

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