SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many scholarships available each year and we are told many are not awarded because applications are not received! Multiple-applications are encouraged so it is well worth spending time investigating the options.

In an attempt to provide families with assistance in where to look for scholarships, this list has been compiled and is added to as we become aware of new opportunities not previously listed. This is by no means exhaustive so keep on searching. There will also be some scholarships listed on more than one site.

This list does not refer to the scholarships applied for through VTAC (or other state application houses) or those available through the tertiary institute websites. So ensure to check each university or TAFE you are applying to. They all offer scholarships.

Please help us in this process by providing further information on scholarships not currently listed or any corrections to information supplied to Chris Blazek at blazek.christine.c@edumail.vic.gov.au.

This search process takes a great deal of time… but is well worth the effort.

Note: A number of the scholarships for rurally based students are dependent on the student coming back to work in a rural area after their studies. It is therefore very important to address this in your application if this is a requirement.

Demonstrating Financial Hardship when applying for scholarships

Check what is required in order to demonstrate financial hardship. Each application may have different requirements. Examples of demonstrated financial hardship include: providing proof of Centrelink payments or possession of a Concession Card; payslips; statement detailing circumstances eg. living away from home, etc.

Always ensure the required documentation is provided with the application by the due date.

See website listings and individual scholarships listed below:

Scholarship websites

Multiple Scholarship Listings

VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) administers applications for scholarships at many Victorian universities and interstate universities participating in the VTAC system.

www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html

Myfuture scholarship site.

Huge range of scholarships available not applied for through VTAC


Universities and TAFE

Check each university and TAFE website for their scholarship details. These are usually applied for through VTAC – BUT CHECK ON-LINE.

University Residential Colleges

These are applied for through the Bursary Officer at each College. Check each College website for details.

Australian Government

The site provides links to various scholarship websites including the myfuture website listed above.


Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) (new listing)

The CEF has released a guide to hundreds of scholarships worth over $100,000, in an effort to help rural and regional students tap into much needed financial assistance. The rural not-for-profit’s CEO, Sarah Taylor, said the 2014 CEF Scholarship Listing included hundreds of scholarships (some worth up to $50,000pa) – many of which failed to attract applications.

The Guide can be accessed on the CEF website at: http://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/

Hobson’s Course Finder (formerly the Good University Guide):

This is a really interesting and useful website with a search option for scholarships – well worth a search as it also lists a huge range of the less known scholarships.


Rotary International

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Contact your local Rotary club to learn more about Rotary's scholarship opportunities.

Rotary website: [http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

Victoria University Externally Funded Scholarships

This website lists a huge range of scholarships funded independently of Victoria University. Well worth a look.


Medical scholarships and workforce initiatives resource guide

This is a website that lists rural medical and nursing scholarships with links to find out more details.


Nursing Scholarships

The Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne website listing a range of nursing scholarships.


Australian Institute of Sport

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) delivers 36 sport programs across 26 different sports. The selection criteria used for each scholarship varies based on the sport, but will usually require current (or pending) Australian citizenship and national championship-level performance.


Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme (RPSS)

The Scheme has been established to provide financial support to encourage and enable students from rural and remote communities to undertake undergraduate or graduate studies in pharmacy at University. There are up to 30 scholarships offered annually, with a value of $10,000 per annum per student (ie. $40,000 per student over a four year period). Scholarship recipients are encouraged to seek employment in rural and remote areas following graduation.


**Individual Specific Scholarships**

**Mark Robinson Scholarship for Rural Health**

The Mark Robinson Scholarship for Rural Health is an annual Education and Study Award. It has been established by the Alpine Health Board of Management in recognition of the contribution of Dr J Mark Robinson and his family to the development of health services in rural Australia and more specifically those in the Kiewa Valley.

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The Mark Robinson Scholarship for Rural Health is being promoted to encourage local people to take up studies in health related disciplines at either undergraduate or postgraduate levels and return to practice in the Alpine Shire. For more information on eligibility, guidelines and applications, please contact the Chief Executive Officer Alpine Health, Mr Lyndon Seys on 03 5751 9344.


Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarships Program
The overall aim of this scholarship is to improve the recruitment of allied health practitioners to rural Victoria by providing financial assistance. Scholarships to the value of $5,000 for eligible disciplines are offered. See the website for details: http://www.vha.org.au/page/923.html

SARRAH – Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health
SARRAH administers the Allied Health Streams of the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS). Funding is provided by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and this national program supports health professionals and future health professionals to train and practice in geographic and clinical areas of need. There are a range of scholarships listed on this site for those proposing to study as allied health professionals.

Year 12 – Melbourne University – University College – North East Region Scholarship 2013
University College is offering a $2000 Scholarship to a student from the North East Region of Victoria. Apply online at www.unicol.unimelb.edu.au. Applications due by late January in year of commencement of study.

DOXA Cadetship Program
Doxa Youth Foundation provides unique opportunities to children and young people to help them achieve their potential. The Doxa Cadetship Program provides long term financial and personal support to talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to get them through a tertiary qualification and into a career. The cadetship can be applied to young people attending any university in a wide range of fields including science, engineering, law, accounting, commerce/finance, architecture, medicine, construction, marketing, human resources, arts, communications and information technology.

For further information and to express an interest in becoming involved with the program contact: Doxa Youth Foundation on 9328 8046, email cadet@doxa.org.au or on www.doxa.org.au.

Horizon Scholarship - A scholarship for the next generation of agricultural leaders.
The Scholarship provides the students:
• A bursary of $5,000 per year for the duration of their degree;
• Mentoring partnerships with university faculty members and industry leaders;
• Professional development workshops
• Annual industry placements to give students first-hand exposure to modern agricultural practices; and

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• Opportunities to network and gain knowledge at a range of industry events.
For further information and to download the application form visit [www.rirdc.gov.au/horizon](http://www.rirdc.gov.au/horizon)

**Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Annual Uni Accommodation Scholarship for Rural and Regional Yr 12’s** – brochure available at the Bendigo Bank in Bright mid-year.

**La Trobe University and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship**

*I am not sure if this is the same scholarship as the one above but worth looking into. The details for this one was marketed as LaTrobe Uni specific so may be different and you apply through the LaTrobe Uni website (URL below).*

La Trobe University and the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank have formed a strategic partnership to provide up to 20 new $36,000 scholarships in 2013 to support outstanding rural and regional students entering university for the first time.

These scholarships are valued up to $12,000 per annum over three years to cover accommodation and expenses for school leavers who studied VCE or HSC at a school in Victoria or southern New South Wales. Mature aged applicants may also be considered. [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/new](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/new)

**Border Medical Association (BMA) (new listing)**

The BMA is an organisation of medical practitioners in Albury, Wodonga and the surrounding regions. One of the aims of the BMA is to support secondary school students who wish to pursue a career in medicine. The BMA is an active supporter of student scholarships, and created its own scholarship about 20 years ago.

A scholarship of $2,000 per year of enrolment in Medicine is awarded to one student, based on their written application and an interview that determines their performance in school activities, both academic and extracurricular, community activities and their thoughts and hopes in studying medicine. For more information and to apply, go to [www.bordermedical.com.au/bma-scholarship/application-form.html](http://www.bordermedical.com.au/bma-scholarship/application-form.html) or Dr Phillip Frawley, Scholarship Committee, Border Medical Association.

**Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation – Horizon Scholarship (new listing)**

In partnership with industry sponsors, Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation supports undergraduates studying agriculture at university by providing a bursary of $5,000 per year for the duration of their degree. In addition professional development workshops together with annual industry work placements that give students first-hand exposure to modern agricultural practices together with opportunities to network and gain knowledge at a range of industry events will be offered. Forestry students may also apply for this scholarship. For further information on eligibility and application submission go to [http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/rural-people-issues/horizon-scholarship](http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/rural-people-issues/horizon-scholarship)

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme – Offered by the Royal College of Nursing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au) email: scholarships@rcna.org.au

Tuckwell Scholarship – Australian National University only

25 students each year to receive $20,000 per annum (increasing with inflation) for the length of their degree at The Australian National University. Predicted ATAR score of 95+. The Tuckwell vision is to see highly talented and motivated school leavers fulfil their potential and reinvest their knowledge, skills and experience in ways that positively benefit others. Scholarship applications open in early March and close early April of the year prior to studying. Information on the application process and selection criteria can be found at [http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au](http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au).

Hawker Scholarships

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years. The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier, pastoralist and statesman Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected pastoral pioneers.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

The scholarships are available to all Australian students. Since 1990 the majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study. The Scholarships provide support for a student’s residential expenses in nominated university colleges and halls and may include some university course fees.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions. Applications open early December and close in mid-January.

Individual Scholarships through Bright P-12 College

These are scholarships that are offered to our students and require school endorsement.

Year 10 - Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

An academic enrichment program offered in September each year to Victorian and selected state border schools. The school nominates Year 10 students to apply and applicants will be asked to write about themselves (eg their role models, goals, challenges they have faced, etc). For information: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld)

Leadership - Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation (MSFR) - Yr 12 students.

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A charitable institution dedicated to the needs of rural and regional Victorian communities. The Foundation Scholarship program enables students to participate in tertiary study providing financial support of $45,000 over three years and participation in their mentoring and leadership development programs. Demonstrated leadership capacity is a critical selection criterion. Each application requires the endorsement of the applicant’s school principal and a maximum of 2 applications may be endorsed per given year. See Kaylee MacKenzie for more information.

http://msrf.org.au/

**Year 12 Girls - Alpine Women’s Group – Marilyn Cuff Memorial Scholarship**

$500 awarded to a Year 12 female student intending to study away from Bright in the following year. Details are provided to the Year 12 students by the Alpine Women’s Group and all eligible recipients are encouraged to apply. Closes early October approx.

**Yr 12 male students - Lodge of Unit (Bright) & Bendigo Bank**

Lodge of Unity (Bright) offer Year 12 male students the opportunity to apply for their annual scholarship. In 2014 this was a minimum of $750 from the Lodge of Unity (Bright) and the Bendigo Bank. The amount raised at the local level is usually matched by the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The scholarship is awarded to a Year 12 male student to assist with their entry into the workforce or their further studies. Students electing to take a gap year are ineligible. Details of the interview process are given to the Year 12 boys shortly after the start of the year, and follow up sessions are conducted to assist with any queries or clarifications. Applications close at the end of Semester 1. Interviews are usually conducted in early September and the announcement and presentation of the scholarship is in October. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

**Year 11 - ADFA Education Award**

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. There are up to 100 awards of a laptop computer and certificate, plus a plaque of recognition for the school. The Award is unbonded – ie no obligation to accept an offer to attend ADFA. Applications close on 28 February of the year the applicant is in Year 12. Call 131901 or visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx.

**Year 12 – Daffyd Lewis & Mary Lewis Scholarships**

Male & female scholarships worth $14,000 & $10,000 per annum. A recipient of the scholarship must have attended a Victorian state school or college for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to being awarded the scholarship. Exceptions may apply for holders of humanitarian visas. Applicants may not be older than 19 years of age (i.e. not yet 20) on 1st January 2013. Exceptions may apply for holders of humanitarian visas. All applicants will need to complete a means test. The combined gross income of the applicant’s parents must be below $69,950 per annum (in 2012). Check the website for details of the specific institutions and courses covered. http://www.lewisscholarships.org.au/.

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Year 12 - David Burgess Foundation – Victorian University and TAFE entrants

Established in 1991, the Foundation aims to assist young people from State Secondary Colleges who have had to struggle to overcome adversity, who have show commitment to their goals and those of the community, and who, with some help, will achieve those goals. The Foundation will award to Year 12 students studying at a Victorian university or TAFE (not outside the state) approx. $3,800 each year as well as support and guidance from mentors. The Foundation aims to help financially disadvantaged students with little or no support system of their own to make the transition from a supportive school environment to a tertiary educational setting. Principal endorsement is essential.

Nominations open in early August and close early October. For full details and application form see the VCE Coordinator.