

**\* Please read the eligibility guidelines at the back of this application before completing an application**

**Applicant's Details – the applicant is the young person**

Surname			
First name			
Residential address			
Postal address (if different from above)			
Home phone		Mobile phone	
Email home			
Date of birth		Current age	
Is the applicant of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Australian Citizen * refer to the eligibility guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Parent / Guardian's Details**

(Not required if the applicant is considered to be living as 'independent' by Centrelink)

Name			
Relationship to applicant			
Home phone		Mobile phone	
Email home		Email work	

**About the applicant's family – tell us about the people who live in your household**

Name	Age	Relationship to applicant

<p><b>Tell us about any factors that impact your family's financial situation and wellbeing such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are there siblings with special needs in the family?</li> <li>• are there any health issues impacting the family?</li> </ul>	
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<b>Family situation – reason for hardship</b>	
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**About the applicant’s education**

<b>School currently or last attended</b>	
<b>Current year level or highest completed</b>	
<b>What was the applicant’s experience of school? Did they enjoy it? How did they get along with their peers?</b>	

**About the applicant’s leisure activities**

<b>Does the applicant volunteer? If yes, please provide details</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is the applicant involved in any sporting or community groups? If yes, please provide details</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### **Applicant's statement**

**This is to be completed by the applicant in their own words.**

**Tell us about your goals, both educational and personal**

**What are your plans for when you finish secondary school?**



**Financial information \* refer to the eligibility guidelines**

<b>Does the applicant's parents or guardians work?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - <b>if yes</b> complete this section	<b>Please attach your most recent tax assessment or group certificate</b>
<b>Name of working parent or guardian</b>	<b>Do they work Full Time, Part Time or Casual?</b>	<b>Employers name</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT <input type="checkbox"/> C		<input type="checkbox"/> Attached
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<b>Do the applicants parents or guardians have a Health Care Card</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - <b>if yes</b> complete this section	
<b>Name of parent or guardian with HCC</b>	<b>If you have answered yes to this question you are required to attach the following</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of the Health Care Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of your Centrelink Income Statement	
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<b>Is there any other financial information relating to the applicant/family's financial situation that you want to let us know about?</b>	
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**Please note**

If at least one of the parents or guardians **do not have a health care card you are required** to complete the family budget on the next page.

**Assistance sought from Chances for Children**

<b>* refer to the eligibility guidelines</b>	<b>Please attach any relevant information such as:</b>	<b>Notes/comments</b>
Compulsory curriculum subject fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Fees from the school attached	
Text books	<input type="checkbox"/> Book list attached	
Compulsory equipment and materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Relevant invoices attached	
Curriculum based camps	<input type="checkbox"/> Relevant invoices/information attached	

## Family household budget

Please complete all relevant budget fields

**Not required if one or both parents/guardians have a Health Care Card and it is attached.**

EXPENSES	PER WEEK	PER YEAR	NET INCOME	PER WEEK	PER YEAR
<b>Housing</b>			<b>Wage / Income (Net)</b>		
Home Loan/Rent	\$	\$	Parent/Guardian 1	\$	\$
House & Contents Insurance	\$	\$			
Land/Council Rates	\$	\$			
<b>Utilities</b>			Parent/ Guardian 2	\$	\$
<b>Water Rates</b>					
Electricity	\$	\$	<b>Centrelink Payments (Please list)</b>		
Home phone/internet	\$	\$	<b>Parent / Guardian 1</b>		
Mobile phone	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Credit</b>				\$	\$
Credit Card Repayments	\$	\$		\$	\$
Car Payments	\$	\$	<b>Parent / Guardian 2</b>		
Car Insurance	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Car/Transport</b>				\$	\$
Car Registration	\$	\$		\$	\$
Car Maintenance/Tyres etc.	\$	\$		\$	\$
Fuel	\$	\$		\$	\$
RACV	\$	\$	<b>Child Support</b>		
<b>Health</b>				\$	\$
Health Insurance & Ambulance	\$	\$		\$	\$
Doctor/Dentist/Optical/Chemist	\$	\$	<b>Other Income</b>		
<b>Education</b>				\$	\$
School Fees	\$	\$		\$	\$
Compulsory School Uniforms	\$	\$		\$	\$
School Camps/Excursions	\$	\$		\$	\$
Playgroup/Preschool	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Other</b>				\$	\$
Groceries	\$	\$		\$	\$
Clothing/Shoes	\$	\$		\$	\$
Sports/Recreation	\$	\$		\$	\$
Other	\$	\$		\$	\$
Any other debt repayments? Details _____	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	\$	<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME PER YEAR</b>		\$			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES PER YEAR</b>		\$			
<b>SHORTFALL (-) or EXCESS (+)</b>		\$			

Assistance to complete this budget is available by making a free appointment with Mallee Family Care's Financial Counselling Services (Mildura and Swan Hill). Phone 03 5023 5966 to make an appointment.

### Confidentiality – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Chances is committed to protecting your privacy. Our policies ensure that your privacy is protected at all times. The information you provide to us is required to assess your application. We do not disclose any information to anyone else unless listed by you, nor will we ask for information from others without your consent.

Please indicate who you give Chances for Children authority to discuss your situation with at your school.

Year level coordinator

Wellbeing team

Other – please specify

### Authorisation – please read the following statement carefully and sign below

I/We the undersigned give Chances for Children authority to:

- Discuss the information provided with the people indicated above.

I/We the undersigned acknowledge that:

- This consent is valid while the application is being considered and for the period the applicant is a recipient of a Chances scholarship and that consent can be withdrawn on my written request
- If I/We provide false or inaccurate information in this application that it may result in cancellation of allocated support.
- I/We have read and understood the information on this application, including the above declaration and agree to these conditions.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mallee Family Care (MFC) will comply with National Privacy Legislation and Australian Privacy Principles. This brochure provides a summary of your Rights and Responsibilities and the Obligations of MFC. The MFC publication *Your Privacy and Rights* can be viewed on the MFC website

<http://www.malleefamilycare.com.au/Home/Publications/Brochures.aspx>





## Eligibility Guidelines and Application Process

### Am I eligible?

#### Is the applicant studying Year 11 or 12?

The Keeping Kids at Secondary School scholarships are targeted specifically at supporting students in Year 11 and 12 to remain engaged with school.

#### Is the applicant an Australia Citizen living in North West Victoria or South West New South Wales?

This area refers to the Local Government Areas of Mildura (RC), Wentworth (S), Balranald (S), Swan Hill (RC), Gannawarra (S), Buloke (S), and Greater Wakool Ward. You must currently reside or attend school in these areas at the time of applying to Chances.

You must be an Australia Citizen to be eligible for a Chances award.

#### Are there financial reasons why the applicant needs our help?

Your application must evidence that the applicant and their family are unable to financially support the request.

#### Has the applicant looked at other options?

Chances for Children funding should be treated as a last resort. It is expected that you look at other sources of funding before applying to Chances. This includes exhausting the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund and setting up payment plans with the school.

It is also expected that second-hand books be sourced.

### What can I apply for?

- Textbooks - it is encouraged that students source second-hand books where possible.
- Compulsory curriculum subject fees
- Compulsory curriculum related equipment and materials
- Curriculum based camps, excursions and study trips - required for successful completion of the subject.

### What can't I apply for?

- Any costs that can be waived by the school, or that families can pay across the year
- Enrolment packages and other optional fees
- Laptop computers or iPads
- Non-curriculum based camps

### What happens now?

#### Complete an application form

Please read the application form carefully, and answer all of the questions as best you can.

### Evidence of financial hardship

Chances for Children rely heavily on financial information to determine eligibility for Chances scholarships. So it is important that we have this information to help Chances staff in their decision making.

### Statement of support from a referee

All applicants must have a referee to support their application.

#### Who can be a referee?

Referees **can** be people who are well known to the applicant, for example teachers, principals, wellbeing officers, sporting coaches or case workers.

Referees **cannot** be a family member or friend.

### Lodge your application in full at any time

You can submit your application at any time by posting your completed application to:

**PO Box 1870, Mildura VIC 3502**

Or email your application to:

[chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au](mailto:chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au)

### How will my application be assessed?

Applications are assessed against eligibility criteria and based on the information provided in the application and the amount of funding available for allocation. On occasions, applicants may be requested to provide further information.

All applications are treated as strictly confidential.

### When will I be notified about the outcome?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application within approximately two weeks of a fully completed application being received.

### Further questions?

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Chances team by telephoning 03 5023 5966 or email [chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au](mailto:chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au)

*Chances for Children is a community funded program. We would like to acknowledge the support and commitment of the local community, businesses, Corporate Partners, Sustaining Supporters and Workplace Givers who support us to ensure that the absence of money does not stand in the way of a young person's ability to achieve their maximum potential.*

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