

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

This form is to be completed by the student applying for the scholarship

Applicant's Details

Surname			
First name			
Residential address			
Postal address (if different from above)			
Home phone		Mobile phone	
Email home		Email work	
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

Tell us about any factors that impact your family's financial situation and wellbeing such as:

- are there siblings with special needs in the family?
- are there any health issues impacting the family?

Family situation – reason for hardship

About your education

School currently or last attended	
Current year level or highest completed	
Other courses or qualifications completed	
What was your experience of school? Did you enjoy it? How did you get along with your peers?	

About your leisure activities

Do you volunteer? If yes, please provide details	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you involved in any sporting or community groups? If yes, please provide details	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Your 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 the future?

Financial information * refer to the eligibility guidelines

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

If your parent/guardian is a holder of a Low Income **LI** or Newstart **NS** Health Care Card you **do not** need to complete the family budget on the next page.



To find out if you have an **LI** or **NS** Health Care Card, look at the code on the front of the card on the last line after the words 'CARD START' and the date – the above example is an **LI**

Family household budget * refer to the eligibility guidelines

Please complete all relevant budget fields

Not required if your parent/guardian is a holder of a Low Income LI or Newstart NS Health Care Card – see sample on previous page.

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

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.

If you are not eligible for Centrelink support including Youth Allowance or for a deferred fee payment such as HECS-HELP or VET Student Loan – please explain why you are not eligible.

The following relevant supporting documentation is required:

University	<p>Attach relevant information which could include</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance letter – if available <input type="checkbox"/> VTAC or equivalent preference list <input type="checkbox"/> Centrelink statement – if available </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Other scholarship letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation information – if known <input type="checkbox"/> Any other relevant information you may have </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance letter – if available <input type="checkbox"/> VTAC or equivalent preference list <input type="checkbox"/> Centrelink statement – if available	<input type="checkbox"/> Other scholarship letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation information – if known <input type="checkbox"/> Any other relevant information you may have
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The purpose of the following questions is to provide further information and clarification to allow the Selection Committee to determine your eligibility for funding.

For your application to be considered – please answer all of the questions to the best of your ability

Please indicate where you will be studying University TAFE Other provider

Course title

Education provider e.g. name of Uni/TAFE Duration of course

Location of study Expected finish year

If you are already studying, what year did you begin study?

Outline the reasons why you have chosen your course of study.

What course/career advice have you received in regards to your choice of study? You must answer this question

Is this course available in your community? Yes No Unsure

If this course is available in your community and has not been selected as your first preference, please outline reasons why.

Are you applying to do an online course? Yes No – if yes what support services will be in place to assist you to successfully complete this course?

What are your future goals and aspirations?

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.

Giving us your authority to discuss your situation with other parties (e.g. schools, case workers, student support services etc.) will assist us to provide you with meaningful and appropriate support.

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 professionals who have contributed to the application

I/We the undersigned acknowledge that:

- Information included in this application will be discussed with the members of the District Selection Committee in determining the eligibility of my request
- 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.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Only required if applicant is under 18

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>

Am I eligible?

Is the applicant aged 24 years and under at the close of the Chances Funding Round

Chances for Children tertiary scholarships are granted to young people aged 24 years and under, who are wanting to complete an undergraduate degree, Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma.

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 scholarship.

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 scholarships should be treated as a last resort. It is expected that you look at other scholarship options (through the universities) and other sources of funding (general scholarships; government support) before applying to Chances.

What can I apply for?

Study at University

- Often your costs to study at University are unknown. That's ok, please include your chosen University preferences and where you think you might be living. For example indicate if you have applied to live on campus/in private rental etc.
- It is important that you know if you are eligible for support from Centrelink, and what level of support you are eligible for.
- Your scholarship is granted based on the above criteria. The level of financial support you will receive will be determined after your application is approved, and Chances staff meet with you.

Study at TAFE or other registered training organisations

- Course fees that cannot be VET Student Loan deferred
- Textbooks
- Supplies/equipment

What can't I apply for?

- Post-graduate degrees or a second undergraduate degree
- Course fees where they are able to be VET Student Loan or HECS-HELP deferred.
- Full fee paying courses where an equivalent HECS- HELP funded course is available.
- Reimbursements for expenses already incurred prior to application.
- Activities for studies outside of Australia.

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 our District Selection Committee in their decision making.

Statement of support from two referees

All applicants must have two referees 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, case workers or employer.

Referees **cannot**

- a. be a family member or friend.

Lodge your application in full by the closing date (please refer to website)

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

How will my application be assessed?

Applications are assessed by the District Selection Committees (Mildura and Swan Hill), with scholarships being granted at their discretion based on the information provided in the application and the amount of funding available for allocation. On occasion, 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 in writing of the outcome of your application within approximately eight weeks of the closing date.

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

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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