

Please complete the eligibility questionnaire and the below to ensure that you are eligible for the Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarship. You will not be able to commence your application if you do not confirm your eligibility first.

## 1. Am I eligible?

I am aged 24 years and under at the close of the current Chances Funding Round

Chances for Children Non-tertiary scholarships are granted to young people aged 24 years and under.

I am an Australia Citizen OR have a foreign passport WITH a Humanitarian or Refugee Visa.

Chances for Children Non-Tertiary scholarships are granted to Australian Citizens or Foreign nationals who have been granted an Australian Humanitarian or Refugee Visa's only.

I live in OR go to school in one of the following Local Government Areas: Mildura (RC), Wentworth (S), Balranald (S), Swan Hill (RC), Gannawarra (S), Buloke (S), or Greater Wakool Ward.

Mallee Family Care only provide scholarships to students who live in or go to school in one of the above Local Government Areas.

There are financial reasons why I need a Chances for Children scholarship, which I am able to evidence through the supply of a budget and other supporting documentation?

Your application must evidence that you and your family are unable to financially support your request. This will require you to provide a copy of yours and your family's Health care card/s (if you have one), Centrelink statements, family budget and other supporting documentation during the application process.

I have looked at other options and I am either ineligible or I have been unsuccessful in my application/s?

Chances scholarships should be treated as a last resort. It is expected that you look at sources of funding through other scholarships or Government support before applying to Chances. To find out more about what funding might be available to you before approaching Chances for Children, we suggest that you speak to your coach, trainer, instructor, sporting association, teacher, school principal.

I have read the below information and agree that my application will fit the guidelines of what will and will not be funded through this scholarship application.

### What can I apply for?

#### **Sport support may be available for applicants:**

- who require assistance to complete/participate at the elite state level or higher e.g. the applicant is playing for the State of Victoria/NSW interstate OR the State of Victoria/NSW at a national level OR for Australia within Australia.
- can evidence level of achievement obtained

#### **Music support may be available for applicants:**

- who require assistance to participate in music at a state level or above e.g. playing for the Sydney philharmonic orchestra
- can evidence level of achievement obtained

#### **Leadership support may be available for applicants:**

- wishing to participate in approved leadership activities – e.g. Alpine Leadership School

### What can't I apply for?

- Private school fees.
- Activities outside of Australia.
- Integration Aides / Allied Health

Please confirm that you have read the “I understand and agree “statements below by ticking the box next to each statement. You will not be able to commence your application until this has been completed in full.

## 2. I understand and agree?

Only a completed application with all the specified attachments will be considered for a Non-Tertiary Scholarship by the District Selection Committee.

Please read the application form carefully, and answer all of the questions as best you can. Please note that many of the questions are compulsory questions (indicated with an \*) and you will be unable to progress your application until the information has been supplied.

I will be required to provide 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. Please note that many of the questions and associated attachments need to be completed and attached before you can progress your application to the next stage.

I will be required to provide a statement of support from two referees that are NOT a family member or friend.

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.

I have reviewed the list of documents I am required to submit as part of my Scholarship application and have the compulsory documents available to attach to my application now.

Below are a list of documents that you will be required to submit as part of your Scholarship application:

- Copy of your Birth Certificate, Australian passport OR foreign passport and associated Humanitarian or Refugee Visa. (compulsory on application)
- Copy of your parent or guardians health care cards if you have one (compulsory on application)
- Copy of your parent or guardians Centrelink income statements (compulsory on application)
- Most recent tax assessment, group certificate or 2 x most recent payslips
- Quotes and any other relevant information you may have

I understand that Question 8 in the application, namely “Your statement”:

- Must be completed in my own words
- Cannot be completed by a parent/guardian/mentor.

I have read and understood how my application will 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.

I have read and understood how I will be notified about the outcome of my application?

You will be notified in writing of the outcome of your application within approximately eight weeks of the closing date.

### 3. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	Are you an Australian Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a foreign passport WITH a Humanitarian and Refugee Australian Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name of current/last school attended		Physical address of current/last school attended	

Attach a copy of your Australian passport OR a copy of your foreign passport with an accompanying Humanitarian/Refugee Visa clearly visible.

### 4. 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	

**5. 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>		
<p><b>Family situation – reason for hardship</b></p>		

**6. About your education**

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





**9. 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT <input type="checkbox"/> C		<input type="checkbox"/> Attached

Attach a copy of your most recent tax assessment or group certificate with details clearly visible. Attachment for Parent/Guardian 1

Attachment for Parent/guardian 2

<b>Do the applicants parents or guardians have a Health Care Card</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is your parent/guardian a holder of a Low Income (LI) or Job Seeker (JS) Health Care Card</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Attach a copy of your Australian Health care card with the CRN number, expiry date and type of card start clearly visible.

Attach a copy of your Centrelink statement.



To find out if you have an LI or JS 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 JS

Family household budget \* refer to the eligibility guidelines. All budget fields are compulsory

**Please note: If your parent/guardian is a Low Income LI or Job Seeker JS Healthcare card holder you Do Not need to complete the family household budget.**



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



**Is there any other financial information relating to your or your family's financial situation that you want to let us know about?**

**If you live with one parent, outline support provided by the non-residing parent (if any).**

## 10. Assistance sought from Chances for Children

Please indicate what assistance you are seeking:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport / Music / Dance	* refer to the eligibility guidelines
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	
Type of assistance sought – please specify – e.g. music lessons, assistance with travel etc.	Estimated cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
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	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>IMPORTANT</b> Please ensure you attach any relevant quotes and information	
 Are the relevant quotes for the above request attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
 Have you attached any further information you would like to be considered as part of your application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please answer the following questions to provide further information and clarification to allow the Selection Committee to determine eligibility for funding. Please indicate purpose of funding below.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport / Music / Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership
Will you be competing/participating at a state level? E.g. playing in a Victorian or NSW team?	
Outline how/why you were chosen to compete/participate at a state level. <u>LEADERSHIP</u> – how were you chosen to attend this program?	



## 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

<https://www.malleefamilycare.org.au/News-and-Media/Documents.aspx>





## What happens now?

### How will my application be assessed?

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

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### 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.*