

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Schools

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University Scholarships (valued at \$40,000) 18 to be awarded across Rural Victoria in 2027

For young rural Victorians wanting to study a Bachelors Degree at university following year 12. The primary selection criteria is need followed by demonstrated leadership capacity or potential, desire to return to rural Victoria after graduation, community service and academic ability.

What is an endorsement?

Youthrive Victoria University Scholarship applications require an endorsement from the student's secondary school. This provides the scholarship panel with supporting information and confirmation of circumstance and need.

How many applications can be endorsed per school?

Each school can endorse up to four (4) worthy applications each year, giving consideration and priority to those whose need is highest. Schools with large year 12 cohorts may apply for further endorsement allocations if necessary. Please email andrew@youthrivevic.org.au

Who can provide endorsements?

Applicants must first consult with their Principal to determine who can provide an endorsement. In the application the student will insert details of the approved endorser.

- The endorser will be sent the required response form.
- The principal will be advised

It is our expectation that the school will monitor the number of endorsed applications.

Gap Year Students

Students returning from a gap year are able to apply for a Youthrive Victoria University Scholarship. They must also be endorsed by their secondary school. This student will count in the 4 allowable applications.

Online information sessions discussing endorsements will be held on the 15th and 16th of June 2026 from 3.45-4.15pm.

Please register [here](#).

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Rural Chances Scholarships (valued at \$6,000)

For young rural Victorians who are facing financial or social challenges, who have career aspirations and want to/or are studying at TAFE or undertaking an apprenticeship.

To meet the eligibility criteria applicants will need to:

- Be 16-24 years of age;
- Hold a current Centrelink health care card, or provide evidence of financial hardship;
- Identify a TAFE qualification (Certificate III or above) they would like to enrol in or are enrolled in OR an apprenticeship they would like to undertake;
- Be accountable for the use of scholarship funds;
- Participate in publicity/promotional material and research.

Who can submit references?

This reference is a general personal reference from someone who knows the young person well. This reference should provide details of personal qualities, potential and genuine need. The referee can be a teacher, employer, family friend, family member or someone else who knows them well.

Application Process

Applicants are welcome to apply each year, regardless of previous outcomes. Applications may be submitted in either written or video-recorded format.

Scholarship Value

Rural Chances Scholarships can be used to fund anything that supports a young person's ability to study, including car registration and petrol, rent or accommodation, and materials required for their chosen course, such as textbooks, tools, uniforms, and other essential supplies.

Online information sessions discussing the scholarship will be held on the 15th and 16th of June, 2026 from 3.45-4.15pm.

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