

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provide financial support to help students with the costs of tertiary education. Scholarships are not only for high achievers. Find out about the types of scholarships available and learn how to complete your scholarship application. Many institutions also offer scholarships outside the VTAC scholarships process.



Scholarships

VTAC accepts scholarship applications from individuals who submit a VTAC course application, as well as from those who are already tertiary students or who have applied to tertiary study through other processes.

Scholarships can be a great help with the cost of tertiary study and can be awarded for many reasons. These include scholarships for academic achievement, Indigenous Australians, community service, financial disadvantage and for other equity and access groups.

Applying through VTAC?

The institutions that provide VTAC applicants with the opportunity to submit a VTAC scholarship application can be [found here](#).

To be considered, you must:

- submit a course application through VTAC, and
- meet the citizenship and other eligibility requirements listed for your course on the VTAC scholarships page.

The scholarships VTAC takes applications for are generally awarded under these three categories:

Access and equity scholarships

These are most often awarded for access and equity reasons, including financial disadvantage, relocating from regional and rural areas or being part of an under-represented group.

Merit scholarships

Merit scholarships are awarded for achievement. This may be assessed by a range of criteria, not only your ATAR.

Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships

Commonwealth scholarships are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants across a variety of categories.

Not applying through VTAC?

Examples of individuals not applying for courses through VTAC, who may wish to submit a scholarships application, include those:

- applying for Victorian courses through UAC (the Universities Admissions Centre in New South Wales)
- already enrolled in a tertiary course
- who have deferred
- who want to transfer between tertiary courses, or
- who are applying for courses directly to the institution.

Other scholarships

There are also a lot of Victorian institutions that accept direct scholarship applications for those applying to study in Victoria. You will need to check eligibility for these on an individual basis.

Visit [scholarships through institutions](#) on the VTAC website for a full list of these scholarships.

Research the requirements

Research the requirements for scholarships through VTAC as soon as possible. This should include visiting:

- [Who can apply for scholarships](#)
- [Types of scholarships available through VTAC](#)
- [How to provide evidence for scholarships through VTAC](#)

Make sure you:

- Write in your own words. Don't get someone else to write for you. Institutions simply want to know your story from your point of view (and aren't testing your grammar).
- Keep to the key points and within the character limit.
- Allow time to draft. This is so you are confident you have explained the circumstance and their impact on your education.

Don't wait!
Start working on researching
scholarships early