

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 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.

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

Chances for Children 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 your family are unable to financially support your request. This will require you to provide a copy of yours and your families' 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 other scholarship options (through the universities) and other sources of funding (general scholarships; government support) before applying to Chances. Please refer to the Chances for Children website, under scholarships, tertiary scholarships, am I eligible to find the link to other scholarship opportunities before applying.

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?

Study at University costs which include:

- Living away on campus or private rental costs. You may be eligible for support from Centrelink. You are required to make contact with Centrelink to work out what you are eligible for and the level of support you are entitled to receive. Your scholarship is granted based on the above information.
- Applicants will be required to prove that they are on campus attendees in order to include living away expenses as part of their scholarship funding support.
- Course fees that cannot be HECS-Help deferred
- Textbooks
- Essential supplies/equipment

Study at TAFE or other registered training organisations costs which include:

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

What can't I apply for?

- Post-graduate degrees or a second undergraduate degree
- To study an identical course outside of the region if it is available within the region
- 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 approval
- Activities for studies outside of Australia.

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 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 or group certificate or 2 x most recent payslips
- Copy of University:
 - Acceptance letter (if available)
 - VTAC or equivalent preference list
 - Other scholarship letters
 - Accommodation information (if known)
 - Any other relevant information you may have
- Copy of TAFE/Education provider:
 - Statement of course fees
 - Confirmation of enrolment
 - 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 Birth Certificate OR 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
Tell us about any factors that impact your family’s financial situation and wellbeing such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are there siblings with special needs in the family? • are there any health issues impacting the family? 		
Family situation – reason for hardship		

6. About your education

School you 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?	

7. 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

8. Your statement

This is to be completed by the applicant in their own words. This should not be completed by a parent/guardian/mentor and will be part of the interview process and could result in ineligibility.

Tell us about your goals, both educational and personal

What are your plans for the future?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself (this include your strengths, best qualities)?

9. 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, group certificate or 2 most recent payslips
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
	<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

Do the applicants parents or guardians have a Health Care Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your parent/guardian a holder of a Low Income (LI) or Job Seeker (JS) Health Care Card	<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			
Housing			Wage / Income (Net)					
Home Loan	\$	\$	Parent/Guardian 1	\$	\$			
Rent	\$	\$						
House & Contents Insurance	\$	\$	Parent/Guardian 2	\$	\$			
Land/Council Rates	\$	\$						
Utilities			Centrelink Payments (Please list)					
Water Rates	\$	\$	Parent / Guardian 1					
Electricity	\$	\$						
Home phone/internet	\$	\$						
Mobile phone	\$	\$						
Credit			Parent / Guardian 2					
Credit Card Repayments	\$	\$						
Car Payments	\$	\$						
Car Insurance	\$	\$	Parent / Guardian 2					
Car/Transport								
Car Registration	\$	\$						
Car Maintenance/Tyres etc.	\$	\$						
Fuel	\$	\$	Child Support					
RACV membership	\$	\$						
Health								
Health Insurance	\$	\$						
Ambulance	\$	\$	Child Support					
Doctor	\$	\$						
Dentist	\$	\$						
Optical	\$	\$						
Chemist	\$	\$						
Education			Other Income					
School Fees	\$	\$	Other Income					
Compulsory School Uniforms	\$	\$						
School Camps/Excursions	\$	\$						
Day Care/Kindergarten	\$	\$						
Other			Other Income					
Groceries	\$	\$						
Clothing/Shoes	\$	\$						
Sports/Recreation	\$	\$						
Other	\$	\$						
Any other debt repayments? Details _____	\$	\$	Other Income					
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	\$				TOTAL NET INCOME	\$	\$
TOTAL NET INCOME PER YEAR	\$							
TOTAL EXPENSES PER YEAR	\$							
SHORTFALL (-) or EXCESS (+)	\$							

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

Chances for Children will only provide funding when all other options have been explored and exhausted.

*** refer to the eligibility guidelines**

Please outline funding options that have been explored or are currently being utilised. Please indicate status Explored, Applied, Current, Exhausted, Eligible, Not eligible

Funding/Support	Status	Outcome
Youth Allowance		
Centrelink Start Up Loan		
Centrelink Relocation Scholarship		
HECS-HELP / VET Student Loan		
VTAC / UAC / SATAC scholarship		
Learning for Life		
Trade Support Loan (Apprentices)		
Other scholarship (please list)		
JobActive/Employment Services		
Parents Next		
Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (MADEC)		
Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)		

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 questions are 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	<input type="checkbox"/> University	<input type="checkbox"/> TAFE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other provider
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Course title			
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Education provider e.g. name of Uni/TAFE		Duration of course	
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Location of study		Expected finish year	
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If you are already studying, what year did you begin study?	
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Outline the reasons why you have chosen your course of study.

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

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Is this course available in your community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
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If this course is available in your community and has not been selected as your first preference, please outline reasons why.

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Are you applying to do an online course?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – if yes what support services will be in place to assist you to successfully complete this course?
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What are your future goals and aspirations?

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The following relevant supporting documentation is required:

University	<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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TAFE / Education Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of course fees <input type="checkbox"/> Centrelink statement – if available	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of enrolment <input type="checkbox"/> Any other relevant information you may have
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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>

Referee One – to be completed and signed by the referee

You must provide a statement of support from two referees

* Who can be a referee? Refer to the eligibility guidelines

Name		Position/Title	
Agency/School			
Work phone		Mobile phone	
Email			
Outline your relationship with the applicant.			
Describe the applicant’s circumstances and the impact they have had on the applicant’s opportunities and life in general.			
Outline the applicant’s achievements and comment on their ability to follow through with their goals.			
Any other comments?			
Referee _____ Date _____			

Referee Two – to be completed and signed by the referee

You must provide a statement of support from two referees

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Name		Position/Title	
Agency/School			
Work phone		Mobile phone	
Email			
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Any other comments?			
Referee _____ Date _____			

What happens now?

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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

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.