

A great way to scrub up on career ideas...

Scholarships

I have because I like to make your life as simple as possible, gathered together a smattering of websites dedicated to finding **scholarships**... But first.

What is a scholarship?

A **scholarship** is a sum of money awarded to an individual (either a one-off payment or a regular allowance) to assist with that person's **further education**.

Every scholarship has different selection criteria and purposes, for example;

- *rural students for their accommodation, or*
- *high academic (ATAR) results for entry to a particular institution or course.*

How much \$\$?

Amounts vary widely, but even **small** amounts can make a **big** difference in day-to-day Uni/TAFE life. It might mean that you don't have to find the money to purchase textbooks, or that you do not have to find part-time work to keep your head above water. Whatever the amount, it is well worth the effort to apply.

How do you apply?

Can't answer that! Mostly because application processes differ significantly! Being willing to allocate **time** to the task is essential, and getting your head around the deadlines (found in the fine print!) is a no-brainer.

If you understand the **TYPES** of scholarships available, this will help immensely.

Types of Scholarships

Funding sources for scholarships primarily come from:

- **Australian Government**
- **University or TAFE**
- **Industry** (for example an engineering company may offer a scholarship for a degree in engineering. Sometimes these may be tied to a particular university - sometimes not).
- **Philanthropic** (charitable organisations)

University / TAFE

Luckily, through your **University application** process (any State - e.g., VTAC / UAC) you have the opportunity to apply for scholarships without too much hassle or perspiration. But don't forget, there are hidden ones that will

require a bit of digging on your behalf.

Before you grab your shovel, you may want to understand the **types** of scholarships that **universities** provide, as this will assist in your hunt. There can be:

- **Faculty** Scholarships (e.g., *Faculty of Health Sciences*)
- **Course** Scholarships (e.g., *Bachelor of Science*)
- Some Universities may offer scholarships for **Rural / Regional** students (maybe to assist with the costs of relocation, or to keep you in the area after your degree)
- **Sport** Scholarships
- **Female, Indigenous & Disability** Scholarships (often called **Equity**)
- **Co-operative** (a partnership between Uni, Industry & the student) - conditions will apply
- Some larger Universities may offer a specific **Campus** Scholarship
- Many student **Residences** (including **Colleges** - which is the name they give to some accommodation places) offer accommodation style scholarships.
- You may sign on for a **bonded** scholarship, where certain conditions bind you: e.g., work for a company for an agreed period upon completion of (or sometimes during) your course.

Let the sleuth loose!

Now you have a little **know-how**, I recommend the following websites to begin your scholarship hunt:

1. [My Future](#)

Hint: when you are [at My-future](#), click on the link provided in the first paragraph.

2. [Study Assist](#)

Enter your details on the [Study Assist](#) website. *This website is for Government scholarships.*

3. [Grant Search](#)

[www.grantsearch](#) is Australia's original and most comprehensive funding database. It costs money to search this database, so it depends on how serious you are about locating a scholarship - or **your school may subscribe** - check and see.

4. **University Scholarships**

Go straight to the horses mouth - aka the website of your preferred University.

5. **Media**

Another way to catch scholarships as they sprout is to keep your eyes/ears on TV, news feeds, bulletins, newspapers, radio and other forms of media.

[If you know of other fabulous scholarship websites, please let me know!](#)

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