

Get Paid to Study

Scholarships are not just for the top 1/2 per cent of highest achievers. There are scholarships for all sorts of things. But you will have to make it happen. Go for it.

What to do

Figure out what sort of scholarship suits you best. Why do you need a scholarship? What puts you in a different position than all the others out there? It might be that you need work experience or are struggling to meet living expenses or have a real need to study overseas. Make sure you fit the selection criteria, otherwise you'll be wasting your time.

Apply ...

... on time. Make sure your application is on time, have someone else go over the application to check for any errors or missing sections. Remember to include anything else that might help your cause or that you feel is important, such as academic transcripts or references.

Types of scholarships

Residential

Many universities offer scholarships to students in remote or regional areas to cover living expenses, accommodation, meals, textbooks and living expenses; see Dash's story on page 152.

Cooperative education

These scholarships have been developed by the Commonwealth Government and industry groups. They integrate study with work experience and life skills, and aim to allow students to complete their degree full-time while spending a part of their holidays or semester getting industry experience with the scholarship sponsor. These scholarships are generally awarded to students who have finished Year 12.

Sports scholarships

There are scholarships based, in part, on sporting ability.

Private

Trusts, businesses and other private concerns offer scholarships. They might be a way for an organisation to promote themselves by being involved with the community or to attract high-quality graduates to their business. Some scholarships are provided by charitable organisations, and some are used, in part, as a way of remembering someone.

Equity scholarships

Hundreds of equity scholarships are available around Australia to help students starting or continuing uni or other study. Check out your university admissions centre.

New ones

The government is also going to double the number of undergraduate scholarships to 88,000 by 2012 and has created two new scholarships to assist students to undertake courses in priority areas such as medicine and engineering.

National Priority Scholarships

Scholarships will help students relocate to another state and enrol in courses not available near their home.

Did we mention the scholarships and awards search function on www.myfuture.edu.au? Also contact the education and training provider you're interested in or the ones that offer courses that suit you.

FYI

Above are some tips about scholarships, but you really need to go to www.myfuture.edu.au because they have a great scholarship search function. Seriously, it's good. So, just go to www.myfuture.edu.au.