



Guidelines: Young Volunteer Scholarships

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion's (DCSI) Young Volunteer Scholarships reward young volunteers (aged 25 years and under), across metropolitan and country areas of South Australia, for their contribution to the community.

Successful applicants will receive scholarships of up to \$3,000.

Scholarship information

Successful applicants will receive financial assistance towards the cost of **course fees** and/or **textbooks** associated with their chosen field of study at university, TAFE or a registered vocational college.

Note: this program receives many applications. There is no guarantee that all applications will receive a scholarship or that recipients will receive the full amount requested.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Young Volunteer Scholarship, the applicant must be:

- aged 25 years and under
- a permanent resident of South Australia
- currently studying, or have been accepted to study a tertiary or vocational qualification with an institution in Australia
- a current volunteer in their community.

Items that will not be funded

Costs that are not eligible include:

- laptop computers / iPads
- stationery supplies
- transport costs
- rent or housing costs
- parking permits.

Key Dates

Call for applications	6 June 2017
Applications close	5pm, 21 July 2017
Applications assessed by the selection panel	August 2017
Applicants notified	September 2017
Payment of scholarships	October 2017

Screening of applications

DCSI screens all applications against eligibility criteria and shortlists applications for assessment.

Assessment of applications

1. The selection panel will prepare recommendations based on the following assessment criteria:
 - current involvement in volunteering
 - history of community participation and volunteering
 - personal motivation
 - demonstrated interest in the community and continued volunteering
 - benefit of scholarship to the individual.
2. DCSI will select the scholarship recipients and allocate scholarship amounts based on the panel's recommendations.

Notification

DCSI will notify all applicants in writing about the outcome of their application in September 2017.

Scholarship requirements

Scholarship recipients must:

- spend the funding within 12 months of receipt
- return any unspent funds to DCSI within 12 months of receiving them
- prepare a report declaring expenditure and provide copies of receipts by 31 December 2018.

Applying is easy

- Lodge your application at www.ofv.sa.gov.au/youngvolunteerscholarships
- Attach a signed letter supporting your application from the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chairperson or Secretary of your volunteer association, organisation or club.
- Make sure you include details of your course.

Application checklist

When submitting your application, please:

- complete all sections of the online application form
- ensure that each section is 150 words or less
- print a copy for your records if required.

Applications close on **5pm, Friday 21 July 2017.**

For further information, contact:

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