

Forward Scholarship application 2024



Closing date extended to: 10th March 2024

Application process

- Before completing the following application, please ensure that you have read and understood the Scholarship Criteria and Terms and Conditions.
- Print out this form
- Once complete and signed, scan and email the form to: scholarships@fas.org.au
OR post to:
Forward Scholarship Applications
PO Box 6347
Silverwater DC NSW 2128
- Please note that **2024 Scholarship Applications must be received by 10th March 2024.**

Applicant Details

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other _____

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____ Post code: _____

Suburb/town: _____ State: _____

Home phone: () _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Forward Membership no. _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Are you:* Australian Citizen Permanent Resident Are you an NDIS Participant?# Yes No

*Citizenship or Permanent Residency is a requirement for application

NDIS Participation is **not** a prerequisite for application

What do you intend to use scholarship funds for? Mark all that apply.

- Formal course or program of study (undergraduate, postgraduate, short courses and continuing professional development), study readiness/preparation
- Career preparation and planning
- Internship/graduate and/or mentoring program
- Skills that enhance employment opportunities, independence and/or community engagement



Section A: Scholarship funding application

Please complete this section for each area that applies.

1.1 Formal course or program of study

Course name: _____

Name of Institution: _____

University TAFE College Other (please specify) _____

Full time Part time Distance education/online learning

Website of Institution: _____

Length of course: _____

When will the course commence?: _____

1.2 Career preparation and planning

Program name: _____

Provider name and contact details: _____

Website: _____

Proposed length of program and commencement date: _____

1.3 Internship or graduate program and/or mentoring program

Program name and type (internship, graduate, mentoring) _____

Provider name and contact details: _____

Website: _____

Proposed length of program and commencement date: _____

1.4 Skills that enhance employment opportunities, independence and or community engagement.

Please provide details of each course or training program that you intend to undertake.

Course/Training Name: _____

Provider name: _____

CRICOS/RTO number or other registration number/reference: _____

Website: _____

Skill you intend to learn: _____

Proposed length of course/program and commencement date: _____



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Section B: Applicant background information

1. What is the extent and cause of your spinal cord injury (SCI) or related disability, including level and type of SCI? Documented confirmation is required from a doctor, physiotherapist or other healthcare professional.

2. Why do you think you should be considered for this scholarship? In a maximum of 300 words please explain what your future career/other plans are and how the scholarship program will help you achieve your goals.



3. Tell us about yourself e.g. what are your interests, work experiences, hobbies and/or volunteer experiences?

4. Please list your highest education or workplace experience to date (if undertaking formal study)

5. Are you, your parents or guardians (on your behalf) receiving any financial or other assistance such as another scholarship, pension or insurance claim?

No Yes (If yes, what other funding are you receiving?)



6. Please indicate which band applies to you and/or your family or guardian's gross household income before tax as at July, 2023.

Band 1 Below \$29,000

Band 3 \$47,000 to \$80,000

Band 2 \$29,000 to \$47,000

Band 4 Over \$80,000

7. Have you received a scholarship from Forward before? No Yes

If you ticked "yes," when and what was the amount? What did you spend the funds on?

There are a number of Forward Scholarships valued up to \$5,000 each to help with formal study, skills development, employability, independence and community engagement. As a person with disability has many different needs with regard to the above, the scholarships can cover one or more of the following:

- Course/tuition/education fees for the year (February–December of the year you are applying for)
- Course excursion funds or residential expenses on campus
- Carers allowance contribution not funded by another source
- IT Requirements e.g. computer, hardware/software/programs/peripheral items
- Introductory computer-use training tailored to the specific needs of the individual
- Textbooks, reference material and supplies (such as stationery and art supplies)
- Additional support e.g. tuition, scribe and typing services
- Equipment and items required for the workplace and/or training or skills program
- Travel costs up to \$500 to cover transport costs to and from place of study/internship/programs
- Professional fees involved in career counselling, planning, resume services/interview coaching, portfolio development
- Any request for an item over \$2000 should be accompanied with a letter outlining the reason for the purchase

Other needs not identified above can be discussed.



8. For what specific purposes do you propose to use the scholarship funds e.g. computer equipment, carer assistance, textbooks, transport costs, etc. (Dollar figures should relate only to estimated expenditure proposed from February to December of the scholarship year the Applicant is applying for).

Items	Approximate cost

Total Amount (AUD) \$ _____

9. If the application is for educational equipment, is it compatible with the equipment that you currently or will use at the educational institution, training place, workplace or during the scholarship?
(Please tick the appropriate box)

Yes No

The Sponsor (to be completed if the Applicant is under 18 years old)

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other _____

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post code: _____

Home phone: () _____ Mobile: () _____

Email: _____ Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Scholarship eligibility criteria

Forward Scholarship recipients are selected on the following criteria as defined by Forward:

- A member of Forward – membership forms are available at: www.fas.org.au/get-involved/membership
- Australian citizens (or permanent residents) and residing in NSW, ACT or NT.
- Must be 16 years of age or over as per Guidelines (any exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis)
- A person with spinal cord injury or other related disability
- Appropriate level of academic record – for formal study Applicants
- Provide evidence of enrolment or acceptance letter (Internship and graduate program Applicants may apply while waiting for confirmation of acceptance; with Scholarship awarded on successful application)
- Preference will be given to Applicants on a low income (please refer to ‘Low Socio-economic Background Criteria’ in Scholarship Guidelines)



Additional eligibility criteria

- Forward Scholarships may only cover supports which have not already been covered by the NDIS/iCare
- Successful Applicants must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide personal information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for the scholarship funds.
- Scholarship payments are made on proof that the recipient maintains a satisfactory rate of progress. In cases where a student needs to repeat a session due to academic failure, the scholarship will be suspended until the failed subject(s) have been passed and the student progresses to the next session within that academic year.
- Should a student, in receipt of a scholarship, want to change their mode of study, for example from full-time to part-time, they must notify Forward in writing. This may affect their continuing eligibility.
- Should a scholarship be awarded and at some later stage it is found that the student no longer satisfies the scholarship criteria, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Terms & Conditions of Scholarship

1. Applicants are required to be a member of Forward for the period of the scholarship year; membership forms can be found on the website at: www.fas.org.au/get-involved/membership
2. Each successful Applicant will need to provide a photo of themselves, a signed agreement form as well as a twice-yearly (in June and December) update report to Forward on the progress of their studies and how the scholarship has helped them. Forward may choose to use this material for promotional purposes.
3. Forward requires recipients to achieve satisfactory academic progress to continue to be eligible for the Forward Scholarships.
4. If the Applicant or, if the recipient of the grant is under 18 years of age, the Sponsor agrees that the details which have been entered on this application form are correct to the best of Applicant's/Sponsor's knowledge and the Applicant meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the "Guidelines for the Forward Scholarship 2024".
5. That the Applicant/Sponsor will advise, or cause to be advised, Forward as soon as practicable during the course of any scholarship that may be awarded, if any of the details provided in the application form change in any material degree.
6. The funds which Forward agrees to make available under the terms of the scholarship may be utilised only for the purpose shown in the application form, or for other purposes which may subsequently be agreed to by Forward in writing as being relevant to the purpose of the said scholarship. Payments under a scholarship will be made by Forward on the provision a tax receipt is received of full payment or alternative arrangements can be made upon request. All claims for the payment must be received at Forward by no later than 13th December 2024.
7. Forward reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate a scholarship in the event that the student terminates, or fails to pursue in good faith or substantially changes the nature of the program (including the place of study) for which the said scholarship has been awarded. Further, that under such circumstances Forward shall not be further liable except for reimbursements of expenses incurred in good faith, by or on behalf of the student prior to such terminations.
8. Forward's commitment for any scholarship shall extend, in the first instance, from successful acceptance in February to December for the applicable year of said scholarship. Any extension of said scholarship shall be subject to continued funding by Forward and then a further application being lodged by the Applicant and being accepted by Forward at its sole discretion.
9. Forward may request proof of disability and access to education records relevant to this application, and make such enquiries from government or other bodies as may be considered necessary for verification of information supplied in this application; provided that Forward shall advise the Applicant or Sponsor in writing of its intention to do so.
10. Application for a Forward Scholarship constitutes statement by the Applicant that they are of good character. Criminal offences (committed prior to or during the Scholarship period) will result in ineligibility for and termination of the scholarship.
11. A selection committee from Forward will choose the successful Applicants and the ongoing management of the recipient's eligibility.
12. That the Applicant/Sponsor has read and fully understood the "Guidelines for the Forward Scholarship 2024" and agrees to the above Terms and Conditions.



Agreement

In making this application, the Applicant/Sponsor agrees that Forward awards Scholarships under its sole discretion, and that no legal action may be taken against Forward in relation to any decision it may take to award, or not award, any scholarship or to extend or to terminate any scholarship already awarded.

Agreed by the Applicant or Sponsor:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed by: (Witness is not to be related to either the Sponsor or Applicant)

Name: _____

Date: _____

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