

SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarships
2020 academic year / **Secondary School**



A child
without education
is like a bird
without wings

Tibetan proverb

Scholarship Information

The SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarships have been created to minimise the financial barriers experienced by refugees as they participate in the NSW education system.

The secondary school scholarships reflect an understanding that many students from a refugee background can experience unique challenges at this stage of their education. Often older children within the family can be expected to contribute to the overall family income. The scholarship is an acknowledgement that many students, and their families, cannot afford extra-curricular activities, such as sport, music and arts that contribute to a well-rounded education.

The eligibility criteria for these scholarships is aimed at selecting students who are most in need of support, in relation to school fees, study materials and uniforms, in order to complete their high school education.

Scholarships of up to \$1,500 each are available for eligible students of a refugee background to study in NSW.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be successful in their application for support, students must:

- be from a refugee background on a humanitarian visa - Subclass 200, 201, 202, 203 or 204
- have been living in Australia for five years or less
- be able to demonstrate additional socio-economic disadvantage such as financial hardship or family challenges
- be enrolled in years 7–12 in 2019 at a NSW public or independent school
- reside in NSW
- not have been awarded an SSI scholarship previously

N.B. if successful no more than one scholarship will be granted per immediate family

Scholarship Purpose:

The scholarship funding is intended to support students in their academic pursuits and can be used by the student or their family to contribute towards items such as:

- school fees
- extra tuition costs
- uniforms
- transport
- textbooks and relevant course materials
- technology costs, such as computer, software and internet access

Application Guidelines:

Applications can be made by the student and/or their family, or alternatively on behalf of the student by an authorised school representative such as a principal, teacher or teacher's aide.

Applicants must:

- complete the application form in full in the applicant's own words
- provide a letter of introduction
- be able to satisfy the visa eligibility requirements
- be able to provide evidence supporting their application if deemed necessary

Application Process:

- Application form is available at: ssi.org.au/scholarships
- Additional information is available at www.ssi.org.au/scholarships
- Applications can be submitted via:
 - Email: scholarships@ssi.org.au
 - Mail or in person:
SSI Scholarships,
2/158 Liverpool Road, Ashfield, NSW 2131

Key Dates:

- Applications open 9 September, 2019
- Applications close strictly at **5pm, Friday 18 October, 2019**
- Scholarships announced mid-December 2019

Application Form

All eligible applications received will be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants are required to:

- meet the eligibility requirements as outlined on the previous page
- complete and submit this application form
- provide a letter of introduction
- provide a copy of your most recent academic transcript
- provide two referee contacts and at least one referee letter

Application Submission:

Please submit your application with all supporting documents **no later than 5pm, Friday 18 October 2019** (late or incomplete applications will not be considered).

Applications can be submitted via:

- Email: scholarships@ssi.org.au
- Mail or in person:
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2/158 Liverpool Road, Ashfield, NSW 2131

Scholarship recipients will be announced mid-December 2019.

1. Personal Details

Student Details

Given name(s): _____

Family name: _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of birth: dd/mm/yyyy / /

Country of birth: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian Details

Given name(s): _____

Family name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

If submitted by an authorised representative: (eg. Teacher, case manager)

Given name(s): _____

Family name: _____

Name of school/Org'n: _____

Position at school/Org'n: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Postal Address for student

Street: _____

Suburb: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Status

Visa class: _____

Are you a permanent resident: Yes No

What year did you arrive in Australia? _____

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Is anyone else in your immediate family also applying for an SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarship?

Yes No unknown

If Yes, what is their name? _____

2. School Details

Secondary School name: _____

Location of school – Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____

School level you will be starting in 2018 (eg. Year 7) _____

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3. Applicant insights – please provide answers to the following questions in your own words

a) Describe your financial need. Why are you seeking financial support?

b) Detail how you would spend the scholarship funds. Include an estimated cost of each item and how each item will contribute to your education.

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c) How will this education contribute to your long-term goals?

d) Please provide any evidence of your achievements or activities:

i. any unpaid activities that you have undertaken to benefit others (for example voluntary work, community support, etc).

ii. any social activities you have engaged in either academically, in sport or in arts and culture.

iii. any recognition of your activities (for example awards or certificates).

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4. Referee Details

Provide details for two referees *plus* at least one referee letter (eg school, community group, work - not family):

Referee 1

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Referee 2

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Instructions for referees:

Briefly introduce yourself and your relationship with the applicant.

Referee letters should describe the qualities of applicant based on the relationship you have with the applicant (for example, academic, character etc). Be specific and give examples.

5. Terms and Conditions

- SSI reserves the right to seek additional verification of applicants' submissions.
- Where a student either intends to change the circumstances of their study or experiences a change to their circumstances of study, as listed below, they must inform SSI in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - The SSI Committee will then determine on a case-by-case basis whether the scholarship will be cancelled and the recipient is required to return their scholarship funding, either in part or in full.
 - A 'change of circumstances' includes:
 - deferring studies
 - changing the course of study
 - changing the institution of study
 - incompleting of the course of study
 - unsuccessful application to study
 - unsatisfactory academic progress
 - ceasing to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship
 - failing to return to study after an approved interruption to their scholarship purpose

- SSI reserves the right to cancel any scholarship and ask the recipient to return their scholarship funding, either in part or in full should:
 - the recipient, or their agent, be found to have provided false or misleading information during or subsequent to the application process,
 - the recipient commit serious misconduct at their educational institution (serious misconduct may be determined by either the institution or SSI)
- Recipients agree to the periodic assessment of their chosen study/course as covered by the scholarship. This is to ensure that the recipient remains eligible for the scholarship throughout their relevant study period.

6. Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information submitted in this application for support from the SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarship is true and correct.

I authorise SSI to make appropriate enquiries in regards to my submission, such as reference checking and validation of the submission.

I acknowledge that the submission of any incorrect or misleading information to SSI may result in the termination of any scholarship and in that circumstance I will be required to repay any scholarship funds.

I understand that the decision of SSI regarding the scholarship is final and that the scholarship is subject to the Terms and Conditions.

If I receive the scholarship, I give consent for SSI to disclose agreed to personal information, not including contact details, for publicity purposes.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

7. Application Checklist

Before submitting your application to SSI, please ensure that you:

- Meet the eligibility requirements as outlined on page 2
- Complete and sign this application form
- Attach a cover letter
- Attach a copy of your most recent academic transcript
- Attach at least one referee letter