

Q: Who can apply for the scholarships?

A: Applicants must:

- Be from a refugee background on a humanitarian visa – Visa Subclass 200, 201, 202, 203 and 204, 117, 866, 842, 117. Applicants on a SHEV 790 or TPV 785 will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Have been living in Australia for five years or less.
- Reside and study in NSW, QLD or VIC.
- Not have been awarded an SSI scholarship previously.
- Have met all other eligibility criteria listed for each scholarship category as set out in the application form.
- Each scholarship category has strict eligibility criteria on the application form.

Q: I am on a visa category not listed on the application form. Can I still apply for the scholarship?

A: No, scholarships are open to those from a refugee background on a humanitarian visa subclass 200, 201, 202, 203 and 204, 117, 866, 842. Applicants on a SHEV 790 or TPV 785 will be considered on a case by case basis

Q: I am on a visa category SHEV790 or TPV 785 can I still apply?

Applicants on a SHEV 790 or TPV 785 will be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants are advised to consider the lump sum payments potential impact on existing payments and any reporting obligations particularly in regards to full-time study. The websites below may assist but it is advised to speak to an expert to understand any impact to your individual circumstance.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/topics/income/30376#a4>

<https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/special-benefit-income-support-tpv-shev-holders/>

Q: I've applied for a scholarship. When will I find out if I'm successful?

A: Those that applied for the Skills & Qualifications Recognition categories will be notified in mid December 2021 and the Secondary, Vocational Education & Training and Skills & University categories will be notified in late-January to early February 2022. University applicants will be required to submit evidence of enrolment.

Q: When will I receive my scholarship money, if successful?

A: Those that applied for the Secondary, Vocational Education & Training and University categories receive their funding by February 2022. Skills & Qualifications Recognition categories will receive funding by late January 2022. University applicants will be required to submit evidence of enrolment prior to receiving funds.

Q: What if my scholarship application is unsuccessful?

A: You will find 'Alternatives to SSI Scholarships' on our website.

Q: Can more than one member of a family receive a scholarship?

A: More than one member of a family can apply; however, if successful, no more than one scholarship will be granted per immediate family.

Q: Are the scholarship applications available in other languages?

A: The scholarship applications are only available in English and must be completed in English.

Q: Can I receive assistance to complete the application form?

A: All application answers must be provided in the applicant's own words. Applications for the Secondary School scholarship may be submitted by an authorised representative (e.g. Teacher or Case Manager).

Q: If I receive a scholarship for Skills and Qualifications Recognition, and I am unsuccessful in gaining recognition, does this mean I will have to pay back the scholarship?

A: No, however documentation will be requested to demonstrate your effort in gaining skills and qualification recognition. It will be assessed by the Review Committee.

Q: I am an SSI staff member. Can I apply for a scholarship?

A: No, SSI employees are not eligible for the scholarships.

Q: I reside outside of NSW/QLD/VIC; Can I apply for the scholarships?

A: No scholarships are only for applicants living and studying in NSW, VIC or QLD.

Q: I will be moving to NSW/QLD/VIC to study. Can I apply for the scholarships?

A: No, you must be living in NSW/VIC/QLD at the time the application is received.

Q: I received a scholarship but need to defer my study outside the 2022 academic year. Can I still receive my scholarship?

A: No, you must be studying in the 2022 academic year.

Q: Can I submit my extension after the closing date of 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October?

A: No late submission will be accepted for any reason.

Q: Do I have to attend the Afternoon Tea in April 2022?

A: It is strongly encouraged that all successful recipients attend the Afternoon Tea. It is also strongly encouraged that you invite your family, friends and referees to help celebrate your achievement. Most importantly this is a chance for you to thank those that made your scholarship possible.