SCHOLARSHIPS AT SWINBURNE

Scholarships at Swinburne are about providing opportunity, promoting equity and recognising excellence and achievement.
We want you to reach your potential and achieve your life and career goals. Scholarships are available for both commencing and current students.

MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarships are offered to students who have achieved a minimum ATAR of 95 prior to commencing studies at Swinburne. There is no need to apply for the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship. If you prefer a Swinburne degree and meet the ATAR requirement, you will automatically be offered a Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship.

DONOR FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS
A variety of scholarships are available to Swinburne students due to the generous donations from private donors.
Through their generosity, the lives and futures of our students are transformed. These scholarships are not just for high achievers. We have scholarships that recognise academic achievement, community service, financial hardship or the need to relocate to study from regional areas.

ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS
Funded by the Commonwealth Government, Access Scholarships are awarded to encourage and support undergraduate students whose background or geographical location might impede their ability to study by assisting with study costs.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS
These scholarships aim to improve higher education access for students from rural and regional areas and Indigenous backgrounds by providing support with costs associated with higher education.

SWINBURNE GRANTS
If you are struggling financially and having trouble meeting basic living costs, you may be able to receive a grant to help you cover some expenses.
These grants apply to you if you’re significantly financially disadvantaged, or from a low socio-economic background (for example, you or your family receive Centrelink payments).

FURTHER INFORMATION
For more information about scholarships that are available and completing an application, please visit:

 SWINBURNE.EDU.AU/SCHOLARSHIPS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply for a scholarship?
Applications are completed online. You will need to answer some questions about your course, current enrolment and eligibility for the scholarship. You may also be asked to upload supporting documentation.

Take your time preparing your application to give yourself the best chance and ensure that all required fields are completed, as incomplete applications won’t be considered. For assistance when completing your application, you can download the Scholarship Application Help Guide from our website.

What documentation might I need to support my application?
The type of documentation you provide will be dictated by which scholarship you apply for. Familiarise yourself with the information on the scholarships web page before starting your application. You may be asked to provide one or more of the following documents:

- A personal statement: this will give you a chance to tell the selection panel more about yourself and your experiences. You may need to outline your passion for your course or areas of study and how the scholarship will benefit you.
- Evidence of financial need: this can be a Centrelink Statement, a payslip or a bank statement.
- Reference reports: you may like to ask a teacher, a current or past employer or a community leader to provide a recommendation for you.

Can I defer my scholarship offer?
The majority of scholarship offers must be accepted the year they are offered. However if you still meet the eligibility requirements for a scholarship a year later you can certainly re-apply.

When and how do scholarship payments occur?
The majority of scholarship payments occur twice a year, in line with census dates. If you meet the enrolment requirements of your scholarship, your payment will be directly deposited into your nominated bank account within four weeks of the census date.

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“With the support from the George Alexander Foundation scholarship, I have been able to successfully gain and complete my professional placement. Without the ongoing support of the GAF scholarship and the warm encouragement of the GAF scholars at Swinburne, I believe these opportunities would have not been available to me.”

CONNOR MORGAN
GEORGE ALEXANDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT