

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

The following tips are not comprehensive and may not be relevant to all scholarships, but are a good guide for the majority of our undergraduate scholarships.

- Check the eligibility requirements on the scholarship detail page and apply for all scholarships that you are suitable for.
- Take note of the close date and supporting documentation required. Make sure you allow yourself enough time to prepare your written statement and supporting documents before applications close.
- For Equity Scholarships with UAC - APPLY EARLY. The majority of scholarships are offered in the December and January rounds.
- In your written statement, outline how the scholarship would assist you, the impact it would have on your ability to study. Outline how you would spend the money if successful.

FOR EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- Where requested, demonstrate your experience of educational disadvantage, whether it be financial, a disability or long term medical condition, caring responsibilities, relocation from a remote or regional area, or a combination of disadvantages. Provide a personal account of how this has impacted you and your ability to study, and how the scholarship may alleviate some of the pressures you face due to disadvantage.
- If you have a placement or Work Integrated Learning component that will impact you financially, provide specific detail about when it is, the duration, accommodation costs if away from home, and the impact it will have on your finances and on your dependents (if applicable).
- Discuss how receiving the scholarship will help you with your studies and your future goals.
- Support your claims with up to three supporting documents. This may include your centrelink income statement, Healthcare card, registration with Disability Support, details of medical conditions and associated expenses, evidence of prior address, copy of your Humanitarian PR visa.
- Combine supporting documents into one pdf to attach to your application and follow the naming conventions for the applications system (your Surname_StudentNumber should suffice).
- Limit to three relevant supporting documents which address the scholarship criteria and support your claims.

FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Outline your academic achievements and/or any leadership and community service activities you have done. For example, mention involvement with UON and/or your community such as in mentoring students, I-lead program, volunteer activities, vacation research, elite sports representation etc.
- In your written statement for Excellence Scholarships, outline your academic goals and your ambitions for future professional contributions. Address your commitment to excellence and ambassadorial potential, as well as how the particular scholarship you are applying for would assist you in attaining your goals.
- Some scholarships will require both equity and excellence considerations be addressed.
- Proof read your applications. Take particular note of spelling when referring to the name of the scholarship Donor, whether it be an Industry partner, company or individual.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW TIPS

A small number of scholarships may involve an interview.

The interview will usually be with a panel of three members, usually University staff members and potentially a representative for the scholarship donor.

A scholarship interview will usually be around 15 to 20 minutes.

If offered an interview, the following tips may help:

- Be flexible about the interview time offered - it may not be possible to reconvene a panel outside of the initial times booked.
- Take the time to learn about the donor of the scholarship prior. Do a little research into the organisation and/or the background to this philanthropic donation.
- Take note of any supporting documents requested in your invitation to interview.
- Re-read your scholarship application prior.
- Familiarise yourself with your own budget and expenses. Be able to talk about specific expenses and difficulties the scholarship would help you with.
- There is no formal or business dress requirement, particularly where a scholarship is awarded to assist with financial hardship. Semi-formal attire is appropriate. Present yourself in a way that shows you respect and value the opportunity.
- Be on time. Make sure you have planned your journey ahead of time and allow some extra time for delays.

Outcomes will hopefully follow within a week of the interview and will be communicated via email and sometimes a phone call.

APPLY

To apply please visit:
newcastle.edu.au/scholarships

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