

Educational Scholarships GUIDELINES



About Stand Like Stone

Our vision is to inspire community kindness and courage. As one of the leading community foundations in South Australia, and the only community foundation in the Limestone Coast, we are proud to have supported the region through our charitable grant making and educational scholarships since 2004.

What is the purpose of the Scholarship?

The educational scholarship program is designed to support individuals undertaking approved Australian educational courses who have a connection to the Limestone Coast region, including the seven council areas of the Limestone Coast.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria include:

- Australian citizenship or permanent resident status. (If successful, you will be required to provide evidence of your Australian citizenship/permanent residency.)
- People enrolled or intending to enrol in a recognised course of study in the following calendar year (i.e. submit application in Oct-Nov 2026 for study to be undertaken in 2027).
 - This must be an approved curriculum and course at an Australian educational institution that is recognised by Australian educational authorities. The approved Australian course can be pre-school, primary school, secondary school or tertiary courses. Applicants who have commenced study prior to the opening of the current round will be considered, however successful applicants will only receive funding for study undertaken from the year of the scholarship onwards.
- People with a connection to the Limestone Coast or a demonstrated desire to live, work or contribute to the Limestone Coast community now or in the future. Examples may include current or former residency, attendance at a local school, family connections, or future employment or education intentions within the region.
- Applicants who have previously applied (successful and/or unsuccessful applicants).

Ineligible applicants

- Previous recipients who have not completed their acquittal report and returned it to Stand Like Stone.
- Students who do not have a connection to the Limestone Coast.

Annual Scholarships Available

The number of scholarships and amounts given for each scholarship will vary. Some donors have made gifts to the Educational Scholarship Fund and indicated they prefer the following areas of interest are supported by their gift.

CONNECTION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS	
MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL <i>(Mount Gambier High School Student Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Mount Gambier High School. This includes current Mount Gambier High School students, primary school students who will be attending Mount Gambier High School or students who are moving from another school to Mount Gambier High School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Mount Gambier High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
KEITH AREA SCHOOL <i>(Keith Area School Student Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Keith Area School. This includes current Keith Area School students or students who are moving from another school to Keith Area School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Keith Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL <i>(Kingston Community School Student Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Kingston Community School. This scholarship will be awarded on reasons of equity (as defined in "How are scholarships awarded") to current Kingston Community School students or students who are moving from another school to Kingston Community School for the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Kingston Community School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level, such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL <i>(Lucindale Area School Student Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Lucindale Area School. This includes current Lucindale Area School students and students who are moving from another school or kindergarten to Lucindale Area School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be

	used to assist current or past students of Lucindale Area School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
GRANT HIGH SCHOOL (Grant High School Student Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Grant High School. This includes current Grant High School students and students who are moving from another school to Grant High School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Grant High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
MILLCENT HIGH SCHOOL (Millicent High School Educational Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Provides educational scholarships to students attending or enrolling at Millicent High School. This includes current Millicent High School students, primary school students who will be attending Millicent High School or students who are moving from another school to Millicent High School in the year that the scholarship applies. The scholarship can also be used to assist current or past students of Millicent High School to undertake further educational studies at a tertiary level - such as, but not limited to, university, TAFE and other approved courses.
SPECIFIC AREA OF STUDY	
NURSING (L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Provides scholarships to assist young women identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake a nursing career at any level. This scholarship can be given to a secondary student with an ambition to study nursing, a student entering tertiary study or a student that is currently undertaking tertiary study.
MUSIC (L T O'Connor Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Provides scholarships for reasons of merit (as defined in "How are scholarships awarded") in the area of music to people identifying with the Limestone Coast to further their experiences and knowledge in music.
VITICULTURE (Penola Coonawarra Vititec Community Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Used to provide scholarships to kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students with a connection to the greater Penola Coonawarra area. The scholarship was established upon the winding up of VITITEC which aimed to increase the knowledge of grape growing and viticultural techniques in the region.
TRADES and/or ARTS (Lorry Humphreys Memorial Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Used to provide scholarships and programs for people seeking to pursue a career in the Trades and the Arts .
AGRICULTURE (Poppy Crozier Memorial Sub-Fund)	Established in memory of Poppy Crozier and to assist students who are undertaking tertiary studies with an agriculture focus.
CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS	
MOUNT GAMBIER AREA (de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship Sub-Fund)	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity (as defined in "How are scholarships awarded") for primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area.
BORDERTOWN AREA	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying

<i>(Cornerstone Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	with the greater Bordertown area.
PENOLA AREA or LIMESTONE COAST <i>(The Balnaves Fdn Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	The Balnaves Foundation Educational Scholarship is provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Penola area or the Limestone Coast. The scholarship will be awarded to assist with study, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous communities. It is preferential (but not essential), to award the scholarship to a student that has an interest in the region and the Indigenous history of the area.
GENERAL CONNECTION TO THE LIMESTONE COAST	
GENERAL <i>(Brian Page Focus on Youth Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.
GENERAL <i>(Stand Like Stone Scholarship)</i>	Provides scholarships to assist people identifying with the Limestone Coast to undertake educational studies at any level - primary, secondary or tertiary courses.
GENERAL <i>(Barrie Holmes Memorial Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit students with a connection to the Limestone coast to support their education with particular reference to benefit their sports and athletic development.
WOMEN <i>(SARWG Mt Gambier Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit women in the pursuit of their educational goals.
UNDER, OR FORMERLY UNDER, THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINISTER <i>(LE & NC Myers Scholarship Sub-Fund)</i>	The scholarship supports young people under the guardianship of the Minister or who have exited the guardianship of the Minister to achieve their goals in vocational and tertiary education.

Perpetual Scholarships

The perpetual scholarships are offered each year. The scholarships are a fixed amount for a specific area of interest as outlined below:

Lorry Humphreys Arts Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is open to students who are undertaking study in the Arts. One (1) x \$5,000 scholarship will be provided annually.
Lorry Humphreys Trades Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is open to students who are undertaking Trade-based study. One (1) x \$5,000 scholarship will be provided annually.
Lorry Humphreys Trades and/or Arts Scholarship	The scholarship is valued at \$5000 each and is open to students who are undertaking either Trade-based study or study in the Arts. Two (2) x \$5,000 scholarships will be provided annually.
Rackhams Educational Scholarship	The Rackhams educational scholarships are provided for reasons of equity or merit to benefit secondary or tertiary students with a connection to the Wattle Range Council Area. Three (3) x \$10,000 scholarships will be provided annually.

Assessment criteria

All applications will be assessed against equity and merit criteria. Assessment may consider:

Equity

- Financial hardship
- Disability or health-related challenges
- Geographic isolation
- Cultural, family or personal circumstances affecting educational access

Merit

- Academic achievement
- Educational commitment
- Leadership and community involvement
- Sporting, artistic or vocational achievement where relevant to the educational objective.

What can the scholarship be used for?

Scholarship funds may be used for, but not limited to:

- Approved curriculum and courses at recognised Australian educational institutions;
- Tuition and course fees;
- Textbooks and educational resources;
- Technology required for study;
- Accommodation and boarding costs;
- Travel associated with study;
- Mandatory placement or practicum expenses.

How to apply

Applicants must complete the Educational Scholarship Online Application Form and upload two signed recent letters of recommendation with the application from your referees. The referees should have direct knowledge of your educational ability, prospects and character. Individuals can be nominated for a scholarship by another person.

All successful applicants will be required to:

- Sign the Educational Scholarship Agreement (conditions of scholarship);
- Provide proof of enrolment;
- Provide proof of Australian Citizenship;
- Notify the Foundation of any significant changes to their studies;
- Submit any required acquittal or progress reports;
- Comply with any scholarship-specific requirements.

Applications need to be completed online and submitted **by 5pm on the 15th November 2026**.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Timeline

Key dates for scholarships are:

- 1 October Applications open
- 15 November Applications close

- December Interviews conducted (if required) and scholarship offered
- January - February Scholarship awarded (subject to confirmation of placement in the relevant course)

Assessment process

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by the Educational Scholarship Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors has final approval on the distribution of scholarships. To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasions, applicants may be requested to provide further information.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

We will publicly inform the community about scholarship decisions on the website, www.standlikestone.com.au, in our e-newsletter and via a media release to local media outlets.

Privacy

Personal information collected through the application process will be used solely for the purpose of administering and assessing scholarship applications and will be managed in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and Foundation policies.

Conflict of Interest

Members of the Educational Scholarship Advisory Committee and Board involved in assessing applications will declare any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest and will not participate in decisions where a conflict exists.

Recipient Recognition

Successful recipients may be invited to provide photographs, testimonials and updates regarding their educational journey. These may be used in Foundation publications, newsletters, annual reports, media releases, website content and social media.

Scholarship payments and tax

Recipients of scholarships are strongly encouraged to seek their own advice from Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, or a financial adviser for assistance regarding their own financial situation.

Successful applicants will be required to provide proof that they are an Australian Citizen ie. Copy of birth certificate or passport and also proof of enrolment before scholarship payments can commence.

Scholarships and Deferral

Deferral of scholarships is not allowed. Recipients are required to re-apply in the following year.

Get support

We want to help! Our team are available to answer any queries before you submit your application.

You can contact the Stand Like Stone office at info@standlikestone.com.au or by calling 08 7701 9259 for support in applying for a scholarship.