

Foundation Community Scholarships

Selection and Administration Guidelines

1. Purpose

These guidelines underpin the allocation of Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships, which are intended to enhance students' chances of succeeding at Federation University by awarding scholarships.

2. Scholarships available

Brian Mackenzie Gippsland Bursary (x 1)

Available for a domestic Higher Education student undertaking an honours degree at the Federation University Gippsland Campus to the value of \$3,000.

Dunkeld Refugee & Asylum Seeker Scholarship (x 1)

Available for a Karen refugee or refugee living within the Nhill district student, undertaking studies at the Federation University Wimmera campus, to the value of \$1,000.

Freemasons Foundation Victoria Scholarship (x 1)

Available for a Higher Education domestic continuing student in the final year of Environmental and Conservation Science, to the value of \$5,000.



Gippsland Education Precinct Bursaries (x 2)

Available for all graduates of Kurnai College, Federation Training or Apprenticeships Group Australia Higher Education students undertaking undergraduate studies at the Federation University Gippsland Campus, to the value of \$2,500 each.

Hamilton & District Rural Australians for Refugees Scholarship (x 1)

Available for a Karen refugee or refugee living within the Nhill district student, undertaking studies at the Federation University Wimmera campus, to the value of \$1,000.

Powercor Scholarships (x 4)

Available for TAFE female students undertaking a Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) considering a career in the electrical industry, to the value of \$2,000 each.



Rotary District 9780 Scholarships (x 2)

Available for Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee, international students undertaking an undergraduate honours degree at the Federation University Mt Helen campus, to the value of \$2,000 each.



Ryan Margetts Memorial Scholarship

Available for a domestic Higher Education or TAFE student undertaking studies at the Federation University Wimmera campus in any of these programs – Bachelor of Social Sciences, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Early Childhood, Diploma of Nursing, Diploma of Community Services, Certificate III in Individual Support, Certificate III Electrotechnology and Certificate III Automotive Technician to the value of \$1,000.

Soroptimist Scholarship (x 1)

Available for a domestic, migrant or refugee Higher Education female student in the first year of their program undertaking studies in Science, Mathematics or Physics at the Federation University Mt Helen campus to the value of \$500.

TAFE Gippsland Scholarships (x 10)

Available for domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee students transitioning from TAFE Gippsland to the Federation University Gippsland Campus to undertake Diploma of Nursing, Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or Diploma of Community Services to the value of \$1,000 each.



Thom Nugent Memorial Scholarship (x 1)

Available for a Higher Education domestic student undertaking the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in the disciplines of Chemistry or Biology at the Federation University Mt Helen Campus.

**Tilt Renewable Energy Scholarships (x 3)**

Available for students who are trade qualified in engineering, electrical or mechanical trade wishing to enter the wind energy generation industry, who demonstrate a clear enthusiasm and desire to enter or further their involvement in the industry and are enrolled in the Global Wind Organisation Standard course at a Federation University campus.

Tohmae Pa Scholarships (x 2)

Available for a Karen refugee or refugee living within the Nhill district student, undertaking studies at the Federation University Wimmera campus, to the value of \$1,000 each.

3. Eligibility Requirements**3.1 Basic Eligibility Requirements**

To meet the basic eligibility requirements for all Federation University Australia Foundation Community Scholarships, students will need to be:

- a) enrolled as a Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee or international Undergraduate (including honours), Postgraduate, TAFE or online student;
- b) undertaking studies in Higher Education or TAFE at Federation University for the full academic year at a Federation University campus;
- c) able to demonstrate financial circumstances;
- d) able to demonstrate commitment to study.

3.2 Financial Circumstances

A student is not eligible for a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship unless Federation University is satisfied that the student is able to demonstrate financial status through their KickStart application:-

- a) in receipt of a Centrelink benefit such as Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Parenting Payment, Disability support etc. This excludes payments such as Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or Part B and Low Income Health Care card
- b) on the basis of a comprehensive assessment conducted by or on behalf of Federation University.

3.3 General Circumstances

Please note, a scholarship application does not guarantee a place in the course of your choice.

The scholarship holder is required to commence study no later than 1 March in the year in which the scholarship commences. *

Scholarships are not available to Federation University employees, employed by the University at a time fraction of 0.5 or above.

4. Applications, Assessment and Selections

- 4.1 Applicants who do not complete KickStart, answer the Foundation question, and scan and attach the two written references by the due date will be ineligible. *

* TAFE students are only required to provide one written reference.

- 4.2 Personal and financial status will be assessed according to information provided in the KickStart registration.
- 4.3 The selection process will be administered by the Federation University Australia Foundation with input from staff from Federation University. Finance Department is responsible for payment to successful applicant

5. Scholarship Payments

- 5.1 If successful in being awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship, students will receive the scholarship payments for one year only, provided they continue to meet the ongoing eligibility requirements.
- 5.2 Students successful in being awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship will receive their payment in instalments.

6 Conditions

- 6.1 A student must formally accept the scholarship offer in order to receive any payment, and in doing so, accepts the conditions of the scholarship.
- 6.2 Ongoing eligibility will be assessed in Semester One for the Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships. If circumstances or eligibility change which render a student holding a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship ineligible according to eligibility requirements, the scholarship will be terminated.
- 6.3 It is the responsibility of the student to maintain current contact details, including email, in the Federation University Student Administration System (mysc.federation.edu.au). If a student cannot be contacted by mail, email or telephone for the purpose of assessing ongoing eligibility, and as a result their eligibility cannot be determined in the allowed timeframe, their scholarship will be terminated.
- 6.4 Students awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship are not permitted to suspend their scholarship if they take leave from studies or defer their course.
- 6.5 Termination of a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship will occur:
 - a) if a student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
 - b) if Federation University determines that the student:
 - i) has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress and there are no extenuating circumstances for such failure; or
 - ii) has committed serious misconduct during a course of study whilst attending Federation University including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information.

7 Review / Appeal

Students with a grievance about the selection process should, in the first instance, direct their concerns to the Foundation Office. If the matter remains unresolved, students can access the University's Student Grievance Policy, which is available on the University's website http://policy.federation.edu.au/university/student_grievance/ch1.pdf

8 Donors

The Federation University Australia Foundation acknowledges with gratitude funds donated to the Foundation to support Foundation scholarships, and warmly thanks corporate donors and individual donors and their families for their generosity.

Successful recipients of a Foundation scholarship are expected to attend a Foundation event with our donors to receive a scholarship certificate in May, and provide feedback to donors prior to the census date in August on what it has meant to receive the scholarship.