

TAFE Western Scholarship Guidelines

TAFE Western scholarships are open to existing and future students.

What sort of scholarships are available?

Our scholarships are awarded to students who require assistance to succeed in their studies or talented students who demonstrate an ability and passion for learning in their chosen field.

There are two types of TAFE Western scholarships:

Equity scholarships: awarded to students who are experiencing educational disadvantage and/or financial hardship which prevents them from achieving their goals.

Merit Scholarships: awarded to students who have achieved acceptable high results in their chosen vocational area, or have made significant contributions to their community.

1. General Scholarship Information:

- The scholarship will assist with study costs for a semester at TAFE Western;
- Scholarships are awarded to applicants who, at the absolute discretion of the selection panel, have fulfilled the selection criteria;
- Each scholarship is for the semester in which it is awarded;
- Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship but will be eligible to hold only one scholarship at a time;

2. Eligibility criteria:

Applicants must:

- demonstrate motivation and commitment to undertake training with TAFE Western;
- Be commencing or continuing study either full-time or part-time in current enrolment year.
- Australian permanent residents;
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Applicants must also address the criteria below for the scholarship category plus any additional criteria indicated on application forms for individual scholarships.

Equity Scholarships

- demonstrate they are experiencing either financial, social or geographic barriers to learning;

Merit Scholarships

- Provide evidence of academic achievement or merit

NOTE: Some TAFE Western scholarships are supported by donors and may have additional criteria. All applications should be supported by the attachment of third party recommendations such as referee or teacher reports and evidence of merit or achievement in the case of merit scholarships. Applicants are advised to check our [website](#).



3. Administration of scholarships and selection process:

- Shortlisting of eligible scholarship recipients will be conducted by a selection panel. The Panel be convened by a TAFE Western Manager or scholarship coordinator and include a representative from Student Hubs (a Counsellor or Teacher Consultant) and a third representative. The third representative may be a member of the Institute Advisory Council or from a donor organisation.
- The panel may request further information from applicants and/or interview shortlisted applicants
- The panel will forward its recommendations to Director Customer Innovation for approval. These decisions are final, and are based on how critical additional financial support is to applicants' ability to commence/continue and succeed in their studies and on their motivation to do so or demonstration of achievement.
- TAFE Western will notify all applicants, in writing (email), of the outcome of their application.
- All information supplied to panel members, student services and administration officers is treated as confidential. However, applicants will be asked to agree "to participate in recognition activities in relation to the scholarship which may include presentations, publicity and reporting to scholarship donors."

4. Conditions of scholarships:

- Scholarships are paid in full or in instalments if required.. The mode of payment is at the discretion of TAFE Western, and may include direct payment of fees where this is appropriate.
- Scholarships are valid for the semester/year of study; however recipients and previous applicants of the scholarship can re-apply each year.
- Scholarships are to be spent on course-related costs, such as fees, text books, living expenses, and travel costs.
- Each recipient is to use their best endeavour to successfully complete the program of study.
- Applicants can appeal the decision of the scholarship panel through the Institute's Customer Feedback webpage on the TAFE Western site or by contacting the Scholarship Administrator 02 63935940.

5. Termination of scholarship:

Scholarship recipients will be informed that TAFE Western may seek to be reimbursed if they:

- do not continue with their studies without adequate explanation,
- breach the student discipline requirements of TAFE Western
- Do not undertake training with sufficient diligence.

