

Mayoral Academic Scholarship Application 2026/2027

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Mayoral Academic Scholarship Program

Program Description

The Mayoral Academic Scholarship program, in partnership with local businesses, helps to encourage and assist students from the Port Stephens local government area to pursue their academic goals as they move into tertiary studies.

Along with financial assistance, the program also allows students to build relationships and create connections with industry leaders, strengthening the future workforce of Port Stephens.

Key Dates

Applications open 21 July to 27 November 2026

For those that progress to interviews, they will be carried out on the 19 and 20 of January 2027, where you must try to attend in person.

For successful scholarship winners, a presentation evening will take place on 11 February 2027. Successful applicants must attend and participate in the Presentation Ceremony, unless prior notification is provided.

Funding Available

Scholarship to the value of \$2,000

Who can apply

The Scholarship is available to candidates who:

- Will be undertaking their first full year of study towards a Diploma or higher level qualification at an accredited tertiary educational institution (eg TAFE, university) in 2027.
- Currently live in the Port Stephens LGA.
- Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- Tertiary studies are not financially supported by their employer or through any other sponsorship or scholarship funding.
- Must not be a Port Stephens Council employee or immediate family member of a Port Stephens Council employee, Mayor or Councillor (355C Committees exempt).

Additional terms and conditions are listed on the website.

Read the [funding guidelines](#) for full details about applying for a grant with Port Stephens Council to ensure you're eligible.

Conditions of Funding

- Each scholarship is for one year and must be taken up in the year it is awarded.
- Each scholarship recipient must continue to be enrolled in a tertiary training institution in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant can have taken a gap year, providing these studies are then undertaken in the year the scholarship is awarded (maximum 1

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year) from finishing year 12 to then starting their first full year of tertiary studies. • The applicant must undertake their studies within the state of NSW at an accredited tertiary educational institution (eg TAFE, university). • Applicants who have received a scholarship outside of Council, are not eligible for the Mayoral Academic Scholarship program. • Successful applicants must attend and participate in the Presentation Ceremony, unless prior notification is provided.

If you require any assistance please contact the Vibrant Places team on 02 4988 0255

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant *

First Name

Last Name

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Applicant Primary Email *

Applicant Mobile Phone Number *

Applicant Home Phone Number

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Are you Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Tell us about any struggles or hardships that have impacted on your education. This may include *

☐ Social Disadvantage ☐ Misadventure ☐ Disability ☐ Not applicable to me

Tick all that are applicable

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If so, please provide details *

Word count:
Must be no more than 25 words.

Secondary Education

At which school did you complete your secondary education? *

Application Questionnaire

* indicates a required field

Please answer all of the following selection criteria. Each criteria is marked out of 10.

What are the things that you are most proud of achieving at school, and why? *

What part of your school experience challenged you the most, and how did you grow from this experience? *

Please provide an overview of your outside-of-school activities, including community and sporting involvement, and employment *

What is the field of study that you are seeking to go into? *

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Why did you choose this field of study, and where do you see this field taking you in your career *

Supporting Documentation

* indicates a required field

Please upload your up-to-date resume *

Attach a file:

Two written references *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 2 files must be attached.

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Declaration

I declare I have meet all the eligibility criteria outlined in the Port Stephens Mayoral Academic Scholarship Program, Terms and Conditions *

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Click [here](#) to view the terms and conditions.

I have read the 2026-2027 Community Funding Guidelines, specific to the Mayoral Academic Scholarship Program *

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Click [here](#) to view the 2026-2027 Community Funding Guidelines.

I understand I need to send in my ATAR score and letter of offer from a tertiary education institution prior to an interview, if selected?

☐ Agree

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☐ Disagree

I declare that the information provided, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct and authorise publication of this information for the purpose of these scholarships. *

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Your Privacy

Port Stephens Council is committed to protecting your privacy. We take reasonable steps to comply with relevant legislation and Council policy. **Purpose:** Information within this form is being collected to be assessed against criteria to receive scholarship within the Mayoral Academic Scholarship program. **Intended recipients:** Port Stephens Council staff will utilise the information provided for the above purpose. **Supply:** The supply of this information is voluntary by the applicant. **Consequence of Non Provision:** Lacking detail of information provided may affect the result of application. **Storage and security:** This document will be placed on the relevant file and/or saved in Council's records management system in accordance with Council policy and relevant legislation. **Access:** Please contact the Vibrant Places team on (02) 4988 0255 to enquire how you can access information.