Scholarship Program Guidelines



Foundation Housing is committed to building the capacity of tenants* by providing opportunities to access further education and development. The Foundation Housing Scholarship Program is available to tenants who are considering or currently undertaking study. The scholarships offered are:

- Educational and Development Scholarship for all eligible tenants.
- The Kaartdijin Scholarship specifically available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tenants. Kaartdijin means 'knowledge' in Noongar language.

Who is eligible to apply?

Foundation Housing Scholarships are open to all eligible existing tenants and residents. In order to be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be a current Foundation Housing tenant or member of a household for a minimum of 12 months from date of application.
- Have no debt owing to Foundation Housing including rent or non-rent arrears. If there is debt owing, an approved repayment plan must be in place
- Be 16 years or above. Parental or guardian consent is required for all applicants under the age of 18.
- Not be in receipt of another scholarship.

*Tenants also refers to lodging and shared housing residents.

How much money can I apply for?

Funding of up to \$2,000 per scholarship will be offered to contribute to fees or expenses for a course and/or activity that you have chosen to undertake in the interest of furthering your education or employment. These include:

- Tertiary study at university or TAFE
- Traineeships/apprenticeships
- Accredited qualifications
- Course materials such as textbooks, equipment or uniforms
- Tutoring and skill development e.g. football academies, literature courses.

How will Foundation Housing decide who receives a scholarship?

Applications will be assessed based on eligibility, commitment to engage in study and the ability to demonstrate how the funds will:

- Help you reach your education and employment goals.
- Remove financial barriers to education opportunities.
- Enable future employment opportunities.
- Build your independence and capacity.



How do I apply for a scholarship?

Please complete the application form and return it to Foundation Housing, via:

<u>Email</u>: communications@foundationhousing.org.au <u>Post</u>: PO Box 214 Leederville 6902 <u>In person</u>: to any of our office locations

If you need help filling in the form, please let us know. We are happy to organise an interpreter or sit with you and help you complete the form.

How many scholarships can I apply for?

- You can apply for one scholarship per year.
- More than one member of the household can apply for a scholarship, however only one scholarship will be awarded per household per year.

I have been approved for a scholarship, what happens next?

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be asked to sign a study agreement that will include some terms and conditions, including:

- disclosing grade information and meeting with Foundation Housing to share progress.
- a commitment to attend the contact hours involved in the course.
- an agreement to repay funds if the course is not completed.

Funds will be paid directly to the education provider (e.g. TAFE) or deposited into your nominated bank account on receipt of enrolment and payment evidence.

If scholarship funding is to be paid directly to the provider, we will require an invoice from the activity provider in the name of Foundation Housing.

Further questions

If you have any further queries, please read the Scholarship Program Policy available on the website www.foundationhousing.org.au or email communications@foundationhousing.org.au

Acknowledgement of Country

Foundation Housing acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country on which we work and live and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders both past and present.