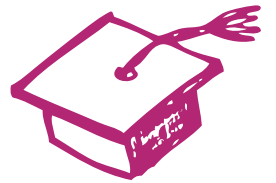
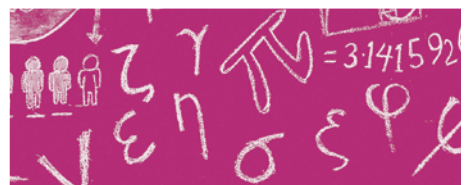


**BRIDGE
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Advance Scholarship



Guidelines



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What is an Advance Scholarship?



The Advance Scholarship is for Bridge Housing residents who have employment and/or learning goals or want to improve their children's experience of school.



If you are in training or engaged in an apprenticeship, a student (school, TAFE and University included), or a parent who is seeking to improve your child's experience at school, then an Advance Scholarship may be able to support you with financial assistance to help you achieve your employment and education goals.

How much can I apply for?

The Advance Scholarships are available by age group:

- ▶ Primary School students: up to \$750
- ▶ High School students: up to \$1000
- ▶ Tertiary Education or Professional Development: up to \$1500.

Who is eligible to apply?

- ▶ You must be a tenant or household member of Bridge Housing
- ▶ You must be applying for an activity or item that will:
 - ▶ Improve your employment prospects OR
 - ▶ Improve your child's experience of school
- ▶ Applicants must not be in any rent, water or other arrears. Any previous arrears must be being paid through a consistent repayment plan.
- ▶ Not be the recipient of a FACS scholarship in the same year you are applying
- ▶ Affordable and transitional housing are not eligible to apply.

What can I apply for?

- ▶ Physical or cultural extra-curricular activities such as swimming lessons, cultural dance or team sports
- ▶ Courses or certificates that will assist with professional development and/or gaining employment
- ▶ Education related costs.





How will Bridge Housing decide who receives a scholarship?

All successful applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and in addition:

- ▶ Apply for activities or items that are most likely to assist them in
 - ▶ Achieving employment or professional development goals
 - ▶ Improve their child's experience of school
- ▶ Provide evidence of the cost of the item applied for.
- ▶ Demonstrate clear goals for themselves or their children

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received a scholarship.



How do I apply for a scholarship?

All applicants must fill out the short application form attached to these guidelines and post to Bridge Housing or email to: **customerservice@bridgehousing.org.au**

If you need help filling in the form, please let us know. We can discuss your application with you and help you to fill it in. You can also ask your support provider to apply on your behalf.



Can I receive more than one scholarship?

You can apply for more than one scholarship, however, the following limits apply:

- ▶ Maximum of 2 scholarships per household per year
- ▶ Maximum of 1 scholarship per individual per year
- ▶ Maximum of \$3,000 for any one household over their tenancy
- ▶ Where demand is greater than the budget for the scholarships preference will be given to those households who have not previously received a scholarship.

What happens if I am approved for a scholarship?

You will sign an agreement that outlines the purpose of the scholarship given, the amount you will receive and how the funds will be paid.

All scholarship recipients will be asked to provide feedback about the program and how the scholarship helped you and/or your family. You will also be asked if you would like to be involved in future promotion of the Advance Scholarship program. This may include providing photos or quotes.





How are the scholarship funds delivered?

Bridge Housing will pay for the activity or item directly to the supplier or school. You will need to provide evidence of the costs and charges by supplying quotes or invoices with your application. In situations where this is not possible and you are able to cover the costs of the activity or item, Bridge Housing will be able to reimburse you for costs. Sufficient evidence must be provided.

Retrospective purchases will not be eligible for reimbursement.

I have more questions.

You can contact the Community Team on **8324 0844** or email community@bridgehousing.org.au



Advance Scholarship Application Form

Contact Details:

Name	
Address	
Tenant Number	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Are you a parent/guardian completing this application on behalf of a member of your household?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Child's name: _____

Child's address: _____

If applying on behalf of your child, please complete the below details:

For primary and high school students:	
What school year will the student be in during 2019?	
What school does the student attend?	

If applying for a course or further education, please complete the below details:

For tertiary and other:	
What course are you enrolled in (or planning to enrol) during 2019?	
What is the name of University or Tertiary institution that will be delivering the course?	

The information you provide in the following questions is used by the judging panel to decide who gets a scholarship. Please provide as much information as you can.

1. What will you spend the money on?

- ☐ Education related expenses
- ☐ Extra-curricular activities
- ☐ Completing a course or certificate

Name of the activity / item	School or Supplier	Cost	Quote or invoice attached?
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

Please attach evidence of the costs to this application.

2. Why are you applying for an Advance scholarship?

Please provide us with as much as information as possible to help us to understand your circumstances. Where possible, please tell us about:

- ▶ Your current financial situation
- ▶ Any barriers that you’ve experienced in pursuing your education or employment goals
- ▶ How the scholarship will help your health and wellbeing.

Please provide any other information that may be relevant to your application by attaching additional pages.

3. How will an Advance scholarship make a difference to your life and help you to achieve your education or employment goals?

If you are applying on behalf of your child, tell us how the scholarship will help to improve your child's experience of school.

4. Signature

Your name	
Your Signature	
Date	