



University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships

INFORMATION SHEET

The University of South Australia maintains a strong commitment to providing opportunities to those experiencing educational disadvantage. The Rural Reconnect Project is designed to encourage greater participation, retention and achievement of rural and remote students in higher education. The University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships were established to assist with the costs of moving to the city to pursue higher education. Four scholarships valued at \$6,000 each are available to assist students from rural and isolated areas to fund their relocation costs.

Eligibility Criteria

The recipients must be Australian citizens or permanent residents, and be commencing full-time study in an undergraduate degree program at the University of South Australia. The recipients will be selected on the basis of:

- Demonstrated financial disadvantage.
- Academic merit based on Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
- A character reference. The character reference must also verify that the applicant has lived in a rural or isolated area for at least four years prior to the scholarship application.
- Having completed Year 12 within the last 2.5 years
- A personal written statement (250 words) detailing career and personal goals, and how the recipient intends to give back to the community by either:
 - Returning to their high school and addressing Year 11 and 12 students regarding their university experience
 - Assisting with the University of South Australia Orientation Program for Year 10 rural and isolated students

Recipients must be willing to participate in scholarship research and provide a written reflection at the conclusion of their scholarship.

Payment

The scholarship is valued at \$6,000 and payments are split into three instalments: \$2,000 in January, \$3,000 after Study Period 2 Census Date and \$1,000 at the conclusion of Study Period 5, subject to demonstrated community involvement.

Conditions for ongoing eligibility of the scholarship

- Continuance of the scholarship is subject to the recipient's adherence to the scholarship criteria, and decisions to withdraw a scholarship will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic performance during the scholarship term.
- Recipients must be enrolled full-time and some study must be internal.
- Recipients must contribute to their local community.
- Recipients must participate in scholarship research.
- Recipients must submit a written reflection at the conclusion of their scholarship.

Notes

- Preference may be given to gap year students who have deferred their studies in 2013 and are commencing study at the University of South Australia in 2014.
- The scholarship may, in some instances, be counted as income against Youth Allowance or other forms of Government assistance payments. Applicants should seek independent financial advice.

Lodgement Details and Closing Dates

It is important to submit **all** relevant documentary evidence to support your application. Failure to do so will mean that the application will not be considered.

The application including all supporting documentation should be returned by **5:00pm on Wednesday 08 January 2014** to:

The University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships
Mr Chris Crabbe
Development Officer (Corporate and Named Scholarships)
Advancement Services
University of South Australia
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Further information is available from:

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Advancement Services
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Confidentiality - all information you provide in this application will be treated as confidential according to University Policy A.46 Confidentiality of Students' Personal Information. Your personal information can only be released in special circumstances, where the law requires, or where you give permission.

University of South Australia
Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships
2014 Application
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Personal Details			
First Name:			
Family Name:			
Date of Birth:	Gender:	Male	Female
Permanent Home Address:			
State:		Postcode:	
Postal Address (if different from above):			
State:		Postcode:	
Have you lived in a rural or isolated area for the past 4 years?			Yes No
Are you an Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander?			Yes No
Australian Citizen:	Yes	No	Permanent Resident: Yes No
Preferred Contact Number:			
Email Address:			
Study Details			
SATAC Application Number			
Do you intend to relocate from a rural area to Adelaide in 2014 to pursue full-time undergraduate study at the University of South Australia?			Yes No
What program do you intend to study at the University of South Australia?			
Campus			
Are you currently studying Year 12?			Yes No
Secondary School Name and Address			
If you completed Year 12 prior to 2013, have you previously been offered a place at the University of South Australia and deferred?			Yes No
If yes, what year did you defer?			
Have you ever been enrolled at any University before (prior to this year)? (Being enrolled means that you have started at least one subject or course.)			Yes No

What year do you intend to commence your studies at the University of South Australia?		
University of South Australia Student ID Number (if known) _____		
Scholarship Conditions		
If awarded this scholarship are you willing to participate in scholarship research?	Yes	No
Are you willing to contribute to your local community?	Yes	No
Are you willing to provide a written reflection at the conclusion of your scholarship?	Yes	No
Evidence of Financial Disadvantage		
Please read all of the following options carefully, then select the one that most accurately reflects your current situation. Note: a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card and the Family Tax Benefit does not qualify as a means-tested benefit.		
Question	Answer Yes or No	If your answer is yes, you must provide the following documentation
I am currently in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a means-tested Centrelink benefit(s) e.g. Abstudy, Austudy, Youth Allowance, etc (go to http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp for details of means-tested benefits).		Proof of a copy of your Health Care Card (both sides), with your name clearly detailed on it and dated within the last two months. Note: a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card. OR Proof of Government Assistance: You must supply a Centrelink income statement which must not be older than 2 months before the date of application - earlier statements will not be accepted. Centrelink statements must detail your name and must clearly state the name of the benefit(s) you receive (AUSTUDY, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Rent Assistance, etc) Any unclear statements or those with acronyms will not be accepted.
I am currently in the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP).		National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP) - A copy of your NICP contract with your employer.
My partner/parent/guardian is in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a Centrelink benefit(s), AND I am listed as a dependent on their Health Care Card.		Proof of a copy of your partner/parent/guardian's Health Care Card (both sides), with your name clearly detailed on it, to show that you are their dependent. Note: a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.
I am NOT in receipt of a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit as I am not yet considered independent by Centrelink. I will complete the University of South Australia Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).		The University of South Australia Assessment Form: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp

I am from a household of primary producers (eg farmers) and am not eligible for a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit. I will complete the University of South Australia Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).		The University of South Australia Assessment Form: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/means_testedbenefits.asp
I am unable to qualify for Centrelink benefits or a Health Care Card, however I wish to be means-tested as I believe I may be eligible. I will complete the University of South Australia Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).		The University of South Australia Assessment Form: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/means_testedbenefits.asp
None of the above circumstances apply to my situation.		

Personal Written Statement

To support your application you are required to provide a personal written statement (min 250 words) detailing

1. your career and personal goals
2. how you intend to give back to your local community by either:
 - returning to your high school and addressing Year 11 and 12 students regarding your university experience
 - assisting with the University of South Australia Orientation Program for Year 10 rural and isolated students

Character Reference

Please attach a character reference. The character reference must also verify that you have lived in a rural or isolated area for at least four years prior to the scholarship application.

Please note that your referee must not be related to you. Examples of a suitable referee could include a teacher, school principal, lawyer, social worker, religious or community leader, Justice of the Peace (JP). **Once completed, the referee must sign below and the statement should be attached and returned with this application.**

Referee Declaration

I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant

Name of referee (please print):

Signature of referee:

Date:

Postal address:

State:

Postcode:

Preferred Contact Number:

Occupation/Title:

Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information I have supplied about my circumstances is true and complete, and acknowledge that should this information be found to be incorrect, any scholarship awarded to me may be withdrawn. I authorise the University of South Australia to obtain my Australian Tertiary Admission Rank to support my application.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Checklist

Please check to make sure that you have provided the following information:

- Personal details
- Proposed study details
- Evidence of financial disadvantage
- Personal written statement completed
- Character reference declaration completed and referee statement is attached
- Applicant declaration – make sure you have signed this application
- Please retain a copy of this application for your records.