



The MUGSU Legacy Scholarship

FY2023/24 Scholarship Program Guidelines

Funding available

- 3-year scholarships (@ \$7,000 per year)

Timeframe

- Submit your application by January 19, 2024
- Outcomes by February 9, 2024

Eligibility

- Students from the Gippsland community in financial need to undertake tertiary

The former Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU) established a Trust to advance education for students living in the Gippsland region to assist with their transition to tertiary education.

The MUGSU Legacy Scholarships are awarded each year to recent school leavers from the Gippsland Community to help them transition to tertiary education.

What is the financial value of the scholarships?

The MUGSU Legacy Scholarships are three-year scholarships valued at \$7,000 per year per successful applicant.

Who is eligible?

The MUGSU Legacy Scholarships are equity scholarships to help students from the Gippsland community in financial need to attain a tertiary education.

To be eligible for a MUGSU Legacy Scholarship, applicants must:

- Provide ¹evidence of enrolment in (or acceptance of an offer of) full-time tertiary study
- Demonstrate that they have ²lived in Gippsland for three (3) or more years at the time of their application
- Demonstrate that they are in ³financial need to undertake their tertiary education

¹Evidence of enrolment can be via letters of offer / enrolment confirmation from a tertiary institution to a full-time tertiary course.

²Evidence of Gippsland residency can be via Centrelink statements or official documents stating their residential address for the last 3 years.

³Evidence of financial need can be via Centrelink statements demonstrating their financial need or that of their household / guardian.

*Scholarship Conditions

To secure and retain their scholarship, scholars must:

- Maintain a full-time study load
- Be enrolled beyond the tertiary institution's semester census date
- Pass each year of their studies
- Not defer their studies
- Abide by the Code of Conduct of the tertiary institution they are attending

*The assessors will consider exceptions due to special circumstances.

Assessment Criteria

Applicants will be assessed based on their answers to the following questions:

Experience of being a school student

- What did you enjoy about school?
- What was challenging?
- How do you feel school has prepared you for tertiary education / university life?

Interests

- What sorts of things are you interested in? Feel free to tell us about hobbies, sports, friends, pets, community work, part-time work, etc

Hopes for the Future

- What are you going to study and why?
- What fields might you like to work in?

A letter of support from a teacher / Assistant Principal / Principal will greatly enhance an application. Evidence of academic progress / enrolment via academic statements is also desirable.

What are the timeframes?

Applications open on Monday, October 9, 2023 and close at midnight Friday, January 19, 2024. Outcomes will be announced by Friday, February 9, 2024.

How do I apply?

We use SmartyGrants, which is an online application form. You will find the application form [here](#).

Please contact Sandy Hegarty, CEO of Gippsland Youth Space, if you have any questions: scholarships@gippslandyouth.au

We recommend reading these tips on how to use SmartyGrants: [Help Guide for Applicants](#). *We look forward to hearing from you!*