

### Funding available

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

### Timeframe

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

### Eligibility

- Recent school leavers from the Gippsland post codes of 3851, 3859, 3860 and 3862 in financial need to undertake tertiary

# The Newton Education Trust Scholarship

## FY2023/24 Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Newton Education Trust Scholarship was established by Robert Newton, a former member of the Gippsland community, who bequeathed to his community a trust to provide student scholarships.

The Newton Education Trust Scholarship will, each year, award scholarships to recent school leavers from the Gippsland post codes of 3851, 3859, 3860 and 3862 to undertake tertiary education at a Victorian institution.

### What is the financial value of the scholarships?

The Newton Education Trust Scholarships are three-year scholarships valued at \$7,000 per year per successful applicant.

### Who is eligible?

The Newton Education Trust Scholarships are equity scholarships to help students from the Gippsland community in financial need to attain a tertiary education at a Victorian institution.

To be eligible for a Newton Education Trust Scholarship, applicants must:

- Provide <sup>1</sup>evidence of enrolment in (or acceptance of an offer of) full-time tertiary study
- Demonstrate that they have <sup>2</sup>lived in the Gippsland postcodes of 3851, 3859, 3860 and 3862 for two (2) or more years at the time of their application
- Demonstrate that they are in <sup>3</sup>financial need to undertake their tertiary education

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Evidence 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 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](mailto:scholarships@gippslandyouth.au)

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