Applying for Scholarships in 2015

The VTAC Demo

*Complete the demo before you apply.*

**DEMO available at**


**WHY?** It will make it easier to work out what extra requirements are needed for different sections eg. proof of income and what statements you may need to write.

Eligibility for VTAC Scholarships?

*Check eligibility such as citizenship, residency status at [http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/types.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/types.html)*

Impact Statements – VTAC Scholarships

- Outline the nature of your circumstances and how it has negatively affected your education.
- Does not need to be long – just clear and concise
- Include dates/duration – link to impact on studies (eg. missed 4 weeks of class)
- Poor impact statements include:
  - Blank statements
  - ‘See above’
  - ‘Contact me for details’

Statements of Support – VTAC Scholarships

- Must be by a responsible Person – doctor, teacher, counsellor, etc. They must be able to confirm your circumstances. They must have prior knowledge of the situation.
- Supporting statements should be concise, to the point and **reinforce** your impact statement.
- Poor statements:
  - ‘Call me for more details’
  - ‘The student has told me’
  - ‘I verify what “student” has written’
  - Vague – does not mention the circumstances
  - Generic – does not differentiate between impact on each student when a group has been affected
- Ensure documents are legible! VTAC **Scholarship Cover sheet** must be used for written statements or statements can be submitted online

Scholarship Benefit Statement/s – VTAC Scholarships

*How will you benefit from the scholarship you receive? Think about these and others:*

- **Travel to and from classes**
- **Books, materials (e.g. art supplies), tuition costs**
- **Clothes for Work placements if required in course**
- **Accommodation/ living expenses**
- **More study time – less time working part time – More opportunity of success! ETC.**

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1 Monash University – Access Presentation, 2013

2 Monash University – Access Presentation; VTAC July/August Briefing 2013
Links to Victorian University Scholarship Websites

*Investigate University Websites for more specific Scholarship Information:*

- Melbourne [http://services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad](http://services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad)

TAFE Scholarships and other Educational Institutions


If you are applying to an institute that is not on this list, check online and see if they have a scholarship scheme.

Other Scholarship Websites


Centrelink / Department Of Human Services

For information on Centrelink eligibility, payments such as Youth allowance, Abstudy, Austudy, Start Up Scholarships, Relocation scholarships etc. go to

- The Department of Human Services Website [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)
- Contact Centrelink - Youth & Students Line 13 24 90, or visit your local branch.

****When you are accepted into a course again investigate if you can apply for scholarships. Some have late closing dates. Also investigate throughout your studies e.g. travel scholarships.