

Information sheet: Applying for university if you are in year 12

If you are a year 12 student applying for university this year to start in February/March 2023, you need to ask help from your school to:

- apply as an 'international student'. Only permanent residents and Australian citizens are eligible for financial loans for course fees (HECS Help). This means that you will be eligible to pay the full international student fee for your course (around \$30,000 per year). However, some universities have special **humanitarian/asylum seeker scholarships** that will cover the full tuition fee. This makes it possible for you to go to university without paying fees
- make sure that you apply for courses at those universities that offer **humanitarian / asylum seeker scholarships** that cover the **full cost** of the tuition fees (not all universities offer these). Check which universities offer scholarships in the link below:
 - [University Scholarships – Refugee Education Special Interest Group](#)
- make **two applications** to each of the universities you want to attend - one for university entrance (via the Universities Admission Centre) and one for the special scholarships for asylum seekers that cover the **full cost of your international student tuition fees** (one-off scholarships will not be enough). Asylum seeker scholarship applications are made directly to each university.
- meet the key application deadlines for both your course and scholarship applications- they are different and vary across each university, so it is important to check each one. Universities publish the opening and closing dates for their scholarships on their websites. Scholarships are usually advertised from August/ September and close in either December or January.
 - [UAC undergraduate key dates](#)

Talk to your school immediately - your teachers, careers or transition advisors, English language teachers or whoever is helping you with your university application.

Your school should assist you to apply for both course places and scholarships before the end of school, but ASC can assist you to finalise any remaining scholarship documentation during school holidays or after school finishes. Contact employment@asylumseekerscentre.org.au and write 'university' in the subject line.