

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY

**Are you a year 12 student sitting the HSC in 2025 wanting to study at university in 2026?**

Here are some important things you need to know about applying for a university place and scholarships in Australia.



**You're considered an international student in University. Unless you receive a full-fee scholarship, fees are around \$30,000 per year.**

**Some universities provide scholarships for people seeking asylum. Not all universities do, and numbers are limited. You also need to study full-time to be eligible for the scholarship.**

**When searching for a course that interests you, check if the universities offer full scholarships for people seeking asylum.**

**When you find a uni offering a 'full tuition fee' scholarship, you must apply for both:**  
1. a place on the degree course (see UAC applications below) and,  
2. the Asylum Seeker or Humanitarian scholarship.

**You must meet the specific entry requirements for the course, including minimum academic English standards.**

**Regardless of obtaining a scholarship, you or your family must be able to cover your living, travel and study materials costs. You may have to work while studying.**

## **You need to make 2 applications**

**1) UAC application for the university courses** you wish to study as International Year 12 students. You need to ask for help from your school to apply for university entry through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) as an 'International Student'

**2) Scholarship applications for asylum seekers** that cover the full cost of your tuition fees (one off scholarships will not be enough). Check which universities offer these scholarships on the Refugee Education Australia (REA) website. Asylum seeker scholarship applications have to be made directly to each university.

**Your school should assist you with these steps before the end of school, but the Asylum Seekers Centre can assist you to finalise any remaining scholarship documentation, especially during school holidays or after school finishes. For help, contact [employment@asylumseekerscentre.org.au](mailto:employment@asylumseekerscentre.org.au) and mark as 'University' enquiry.**



# KEY DATES FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Applications for course places and scholarships need to be lodged in the year before you want to start university (i.e. apply in 2025 to start in February/ March 2026). Applications for course admission can be submitted throughout the year.



**Scholarships advertised**



**Scholarship applications close**



**First university semester begins**

*\*Note: Very few Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships are available for commencing in the second semester June/ July.*

Scholarship dates change each year and have not yet been published, so you will need to check each university's website for the opening and closing dates of their applications.

## Remember to check two sets of dates:

1. the closing date of course applications for international students
2. the deadlines for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships

**We can assist you with applications, either online or in person!**

If you are not an existing client of ASC, please contact us on **9078 1900** as soon as possible to ask for assistance with your university application.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### STARTING POINT

Read the [Deakin University Guide for Applicants](#) that explains the process of both applying for a university place and scholarship.

### CAREERS ADVICE

The [Australian government website](#) provides information on different types of jobs and careers.

### CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY COURSE

The Universities Admission Centre (UAC) lists all the courses for the coming academic year.

[Look on their website](#) to identify which courses you are interested in and for which you meet entry requirements. You can only use this resource for information, you cannot apply for university places through UAC if you have not attended an Australian secondary school. You will need to apply to each university directly.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Remember to check:

- 1) if a scholarship covers the full tuition fee,
- 2) that it is being offered at the university you wish to attend, and
- 2) is offered for the year you are applying to study.

Particularly look for Asylum Seeker/ Humanitarian Scholarships.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of university scholarships.

The ASC website publishes key information for university applicants, please check:  
**[asylumseekerscentre.org.au/whats-on](https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/whats-on)**