



WESTERN CHANCES SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be eligible for a Western Chances Scholarship, the student must:

- Be enrolled in a State secondary school or a University or TAFE College or a Community Service Organisation
- At the time of the first application (New Scholarship) live in one of the following municipalities:
 - Brimbank
 - Hobsons Bay
 - Maribyrnong
 - Melton
 - Moonee Valley
 - Wyndham
- At the time of the first application (New Scholarship) be aged between 12 and 25 years
- Demonstrate financial need or hardship
- Have displayed demonstrable talent and commitment to an education or pathway in one or more of the following areas (NB list is indicative not exhaustive):
 - Academic
 - Leadership
 - Music
 - Art
 - Photography
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Fashion/textiles/design
 - Film
 - Debating
 - Mechanics/engineering
 - Environmental studies
 - Horticulture
 - ICT

- Require funding for approved items including, but not limited to:
 - Art materials
 - Computer software
 - Laptops and specialist computers
 - Internet connection fees to \$300 pa
 - Maths calculators
 - Specialist study camps
 - Specialist lessons
 - Lecture notes
 - Stationery, printing and photocopy costs
 - TAFE, VET/VCAL subject fees
 - Textbooks
 - Transport costs
 - Tutoring and private lessons
 - Uniforms related to VET subjects (general uniform costs will not be funded)

Western Chances scholarships will not fund:

- School uniforms including Year 12 blazers
- Living costs (food, electricity etc)
- School fees/levies
- Upfront university fees
- HECS debt
- Year 12 graduation costs
- Travel or moving costs for recipients moving interstate or to rural areas for study
- Sport

The nominator must:

Provide evidence of talent with copies of appropriate materials including but not limited to:

- School reports
- Community awards
- Testimonials from nominators/referees
- Transcripts of results
- Evidence of financial hardship eg Health Care card, Education Maintenance Allowance
- Student Statement