

National Scholarship Program Application Preparation Guide

You **can't save or pause** the application once you start. Before you begin, make sure you have all your details and documents ready. This guide tells you what you'll need for **each section**.

Answer with enough detail. The scholarship team needs to understand your study or training goals, and why you need financial help. You must fill out the form yourself (as the scholarship applicant), but it's okay to ask someone to help you with your answers.

If you have questions, email the scholarship team at scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au.

Your Personal Details

First name & last name	
Address	
City, suburb, postcode	
Email	
Mobile number	
State	
Gender	
First Nations background (if applicable)	
Date of birth	
Country of birth	

Support Person Details

Choose an adult who can stay in touch with the National Scholarship Program team if needed. This could be a parent/guardian, case worker, teacher, youth worker, coach, etc. **This person cannot be your referee.**

Get these details ready:

Their first & last name	
Organisation (if any)	
Their role (if any)	
Phone number	
Email	
Your relationship to them	

Referee Details (1 - 2 people)

You need **at least 1 referee** to write a **signed** support letter for your application.


- Your referee must be an adult (for example: teacher, youth worker, coach) and **not related** to you.
- Your referee **can't** be the same person who is your support person for this form.
- They must **sign** their letter.
- If you move to the next stage, the team may contact your referee for a reference check in **July 2026**.

For each referee, have these details ready:

Their first & last name	
Organisation (if any)	
Position	
Phone number	
Email	
Relationship to you	

You may add a second referee (optional).

Documents to upload at this point

-  Signed reference letter/s

About You - Written Questions

These are the longest parts of the application. You'll need to prepare your answers in advance because the form cannot be saved.

You will be asked:

1. **Have you ever been involved in a Youth Off The Streets program?**
(Yes/No + program name + year)

2. **Why would you be a suitable candidate for the Youth Off The Streets National Scholarship Program? Please describe your personal background, living situation and/or any other information that may help us understand your need for financial assistance.**
(Maximum of 300 words/2000 characters.)

3. **What are your educational goals between now and October 2028?**
(Write your response below. (Maximum of 150 words/1000 characters.)
 - Tell us what you **would like to study** and what you hope to achieve through further education or training. Are you currently in high school, in Year 11 or Year 12? Are you hoping to go to university, enrol in a TAFE course or start an apprenticeship.

4. **How do you plan to reach your educational goals?**
(Maximum of 150 words/1000 characters.)

5. **Please provide detailed information about your talent, skill, or ability, and outline any achievements to date that demonstrates this capacity in your chosen area or goal.**
(Maximum of 150 words/1000 characters.)

6. **Looking back, what has helped you stay on your path towards education, even when things have been difficult?**
(Maximum of 150 words/1000 characters.)
7. **Where or when do you feel most connect, comfortable or like you belong (for example at school, work, community, family, culture, sport or other activities)?**

Documents to upload at this point

- ✓ Your latest academic transcript or report from your most recent education institution
- ✓ Copy of your photo ID (e.g., Student ID, Passport or Driver's licence) and upload
- ✓ Proof of your Australian citizenship or permanent residency (e.g., Australian passport, Foreign Passport or ImmiCard linked to visa, Australian birth certificate, Australian citizenship certificate)
- ⊕ You are welcome to provide additional documents that help demonstrate your academic or extracurricular performance, such as certificates, awards or other relevant information.

Funding & Budget

You will need to:

1. **Say if you get other funding (yes/no), and list what it is.** For example: Youth Allowance, other scholarships, or charity support.
2. **Fill in the budget checklist.** Select the things you might use the scholarship money for.