

National Scholarship Program Application Preparation Guide

The application **cannot be paused**, so you'll need to have all your information ready before you begin.

Answer questions in detail. The scholarship selection committee needs to understand your education or training goals and why you genuinely need financial support. Nominations must be made by you, the intended recipient of a scholarship – but you are encouraged to get help completing this form.

This guide walks you through **every section** and what to prepare.

Please reach out to the scholarship team if you have any questions by emailing scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au

Your Personal Details

You will need to enter:

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

An adult support person who can regularly consult with the National Scholarship Program team. This could be a parent, guardian, case worker, teacher, youth worker, coach, etc. (The support person cannot be the referee.)

Prepare:

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 one referee** who will write a signed letter supporting your application. Your referee must be an adult who is not related to you... They may be contacted to give a reference check.”

For each referee, prepare:

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

You may add a second referee (optional).

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.)
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)?**

Funding & Budget

You will need to:

1. **Declare if you receive other funding and provide details. (yes or no)**
Examples include Youth Allowance, other scholarships, charity support.
2. **Complete the budget checklist – tick items you may use the scholarship funds on**