

*2024 Scholarship
Information & Application pack*



*NRH Scholarships—providing financial support
to assist NRH tenants with educational,
sporting and creative arts pursuits*



What is the NRH Scholarships Program?

A Bursary Awards Scheme was introduced in 2013 as part of North Coast Community Housing’s 30th anniversary celebrations in 2014. With the Company change of trading name to **Northern Rivers Housing** as from July 2023, the Scheme has been re-named the “**NRH Scholarships Program**”.

The NRH Scholarships Program is designed to assist tenants by easing the financial burden of educating their children and/or themselves. It is also designed to encourage tenants to pursue their ambitions in sport and creative arts.

Supporting NRH tenants to achieve through our Scholarships Program, is a way of building community capacity, leading to future social and economic engagement in society.

What are the objectives of the Scholarships Program?

- To encourage NRH tenants and/or their children to pursue education and fulfil their dreams
- To assist NRH tenants with costs of education, sports or creative arts needs
- To enable NRH tenants to improve their personal circumstances
- To assist them to obtain employment, or sustain current employment.

What are the rules?

1. Applicants will be assessed on academic results, sports achievements, creative arts achievements, contribution to school and community, individual needs and aspirations.
2. Applications are open to all NRH tenants who have maintained their tenancy agreement for a minimum three months prior to the date applications are received.
3. The Scholarships Program will be run twice per year: opening 1 April / closing 13 May and opening 1 September / closing 13 October each year.
4. The applicant must not be in any rent or non-rent (eg. water) arrears during the application and selection process, unless an approved payment plan is in place.
5. Tenants must clearly state on the application form what category their application is for i.e. Sports, Creative Arts or Education (Primary/Secondary/TAFE/University/Adult education).
6. Applications will only be accepted for **accredited training organisations within Australia**.
7. Only one application, per person, per year is permitted.
8. Where more than one person in a household is applying for a Scholarship, a separate application form must be completed for each person.
9. Parental (or guardian) consent is required for all applicants who are under 18.
10. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tenants are strongly encouraged to apply. Up to 10% of Scholarships (across all categories) will be awarded to tenants from ATSI background (subject to meeting eligibility).
11. Applications are to be accompanied with copies of school reports or achievement awards, receipts to support pursuits in sport or creative arts, plus a reference letter from the applicant’s school principal, teacher, tutor, lecturer, sports coach, community leader, or someone who has known the applicant for a period of time. NRH reserves the right to sight the original versions of documents requested.
12. Previous Scholarship recipients are permitted to re-apply so that studies can be continued (provided there has been no breach of any terms and conditions of the previous application).

What are the Scholarship categories?

| Category | Area | Amount |
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| Primary school student | Education Sport Creative Arts | \$400 |
| Secondary school student | Education Sport Creative Arts | \$800 |
| Tertiary (University / TAFE) student or School leaver (not currently enrolled in school or education) | Education Sport Creative Arts | \$1,200 |
| Adult / School leavers pursuing interests in creative arts or sport, or to assist in obtaining (or sustaining) employment | Education Sport Creative Arts | \$1,200 |



Who can apply for a Scholarship?

NRH Scholarships are open to all NRH tenants and/or their children who have maintained their tenancy agreement for a minimum of three months prior to the date applications are received. A separate application for each person is to be submitted. Tenants can apply on behalf of their children who are currently in Year Three or younger.

Tenants in our Together Home Program or residents of Community Villages are not eligible to apply at this time.

Can more than one person in the household apply?

Certainly! It doesn't matter how many people from the same household apply, as long as a separate application form is completed for each person. Each application will be assessed individually.

Can previous recipients re-apply?

Absolutely! NRH highly encourages previous Scholarship recipients to re-apply so that studies can be continued (provided there has been no breach of the terms and conditions of the previous application). However, you can only apply in one Round, each year.

What can the Scholarship money be used for?

Education: Laptops, software, books, technology, school supplies, tuition fees, school trips/camps, excursions.

Sport: Sports equipment, uniforms, registration or other fees, coaching sessions.

Creative arts: Musical equipment, tuition fees, dance shoes, costumes/uniforms, music/drama/art classes.

Employment: Uniforms, work boots, work tools (tools of trade), course fees/learner driver lessons to assist in securing and maintaining employment.

Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel comprising one NRH Director and one NRH senior staff member. The selection panel will ensure that a fair, transparent and rigorous process is applied.

The decisions of the selection panel with respect to Scholarship recipients, and any other matter relating to applications, will be final and binding. No appeal will be accepted.

By submitting an application, applicants and their families (including legal guardians) consent to NRH publishing their names and any photographs in any public relations material or reports issued by NRH if applicants are successful (unless in exceptional circumstances).

When will I be notified if I'm successful?

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as possible after confirmation of approval by the Board of Directors.

Scholarship Payments

Scholarship payments will be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as soon as possible after receipt of relevant banking documentation from the recipient.

Payments for successful university/TAFE/college applicants will be paid to successful applicants after NRH has evidence and is satisfied that the applicant has enrolled.

Scholarship payments will be withdrawn if evidence of enrolment is not provided.

Applicants must provide NRH with evidence of enrolment within 14 days of receiving notification that their Scholarship application has been successful, if not already provided in their application.

Scholarship payments will be made to the *tenant* for primary school Scholarship recipients. Payments will be made to the *applicant* for high school, university and college Scholarship recipients.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available from our website www.nrh.org.au or you can request a copy from any of our offices. We can also provide assistance if you need some help with your application.

For further information, please contact Julie Dukes via email or julie.dukes@nrh.org.au or by phone 0490 892 455.

NRH Scholarships Program 2024 Application Form



Tenant Information

Tenant's Name

Address

Phone

Home

Mobile

Email

Applicant Information

This form is for one application only. Please contact your NRH office if you require additional forms.

Applicant's Name

Gender (please ✓)

Male

Female

Other

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Country of Birth

Is the Applicant of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? (please ✓)

Yes

No

Does the Applicant have a Physical/Learning Disability or any Learning Needs? (please ✓)

Yes

No

Language spoken at home

Student's current year level of
study ie Yr 8 / Yr 11 (if applicable)

Name of Program/School/TAFE/
College/University (**MUST** be an
accredited training organisation within
Australia)

NRH acknowledges the Bundjalung, Arakwal, Gumbayngirr and Yaegl peoples who are the traditional custodians of the land that comprises the Northern Rivers.

6. Supporting Attachments

Please indicate that you have attached the documents. **Please do not send originals.**

Latest School/College/University reports
(Please provide the latest reports you have available)

Reference letter
(Principal / Head Teacher / Tutor / Sports Coach / Art Tutor / Respected Member of Community / Someone who has known the applicant for a period of time)

Other supporting evidence of achievements
(Merits / Certificates of Achievement / Awards / Receipts or Quotes for courses)

Confirmation of course enrolment (if already enrolled)

7. Declaration

This section must be signed by a parent/guardian for applicants under 18 years.

- I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application form is accurate.
- I understand that any offer may be withdrawn if selection is made on the basis of false or misleading information.

If I am / my child is awarded an NRH Scholarship, I give permission for NRH to use my details and photographs (eg. Certificate presentation) for NRH marketing materials and reports.

Applicant's signature: **Date:**

Parent/Guardian's signature: **Date:**

All information included in this application is strictly confidential and all applicants will be notified via email and/or by telephone on the outcome of their application.

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| OFFICE USE ONLY | Tenancy Information |
| | Date first housed with NRH: |
| | Rent arrears or other debts: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is there a payment plan in place? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | Notes/Comments: |
| | Application supported by CEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: Comments: |
| | Application forwarded to Director: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: Comments: |
| | Date approved by Board: Date applicant notified of outcome & sent EFT details form: |
| | EFT details received from applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Date sent to Finance for payment: |
| Certificate presented on by | |