

2020 DESTINATION AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIPS DOMESTIC STUDENTS

Eligibility

An applicant must meet the eligibility requirements to be able to apply for the Destination Australia Domestic Student Scholarship.

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be an **Australian citizen** or
- Permanent resident of Australia
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder
- New Zealand Citizen
- Be a new student to SuniTAFE
- Be deemed suitable for enrolment into their proposed course
- Be enrolling into a full time classroom based Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification that is scheduled to commence in 2020 at SuniTAFE including mid-year intakes
- Live in the Swan Hill or Mildura regional area for the duration of the course/scholarship

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against criteria which will include:

- Disadvantage or financial need
[see Appendix 1 for further details]
- Academic merit
- The need to relocate to study at SuniTAFE

All applicants will be required to support their application through the provision of evidence to demonstrate their personal situation.

Eligible courses for Domestic Students

Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level qualifications classroom-based delivery at the Mildura and Swan Hill Campus, SuniTAFE.

MILDURA CAMPUS

2 x Certificate IV course \$15,000 scholarships
1 x Diploma/Advanced Diploma \$15,000 scholarship

SWAN HILL CAMPUS

2 x Certificate IV course \$15,000 scholarship
1 x Diploma/Advanced Diploma course
\$15,000 scholarship

Application and Awarding Process

- Student to submit Domestic Student Application Form and supporting documents. Students may contact the SuniTAFE Skills and Jobs Centre for assistance with the Scholarship Application.

- Student to complete application to enrol into proposed course. Students must contact Customer Service team to discuss the requirements of the enrolment application process.
- Administration team to review course applications and issue Letter of Offer to students deemed suitable for the course. Scholarship applications will be assessed separately as per the Scholarship Schedule.
- Scholarship applications are reviewed and shortlisted applicants interviewed.
- Scholarship recipients are selected and notified. A reserve list is maintained in case the scholarship accepted.

Application Scholarship Schedule/Timeline

MONDAY 18 MAY

Scholarship applications must be submitted to: mildura@sunitafe.edu.au by 5.00pm

MONDAY 18 to FRIDAY 22 MAY

Shortlisting of scholarship applications.

MONDAY 25 to FRIDAY 29 MAY

Interviews with shortlisting of scholarship applications.

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

Successful applications notified.

MONDAY 27 JULY

If successful applicants do not take up the offer, the scholarship will be reallocated to students next on the reserve list.

Accepting the Scholarship and Enrolment requirements

In order to accept and take up the Destination Australia Scholarship, successful applicants must:

- Accept their Letter of Offer and finalise their enrolment via payment of all course tuition and material fees.
- Commence studies at SuniTAFE on the nominated start date and maintain an active enrolled status in the course of study for the duration of the scholarship. The scholarship may be cancelled if the enrolment status becomes inactive.
- Destination Australia Scholarships cannot be deferred, and if the successful applicant does not finalise their enrolment within three weeks of the scholarship offer being made, the offer will be withdrawn.
- If the scholarship holder transfers to a new course, the scholarship cannot be transferred, and ceases.
- If the scholarship holder withdraws from their course, or fails to continue to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship, the scholarship will cease and the scholarship holder will not receive any further funding support.

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Disbursement of scholarship funds

Scholarship funds will be transferred directly via electronic funds to the scholarship holder's Australian bank account. Funds will be transferred in instalments, not as a lump sum.

Destination Australia Scholarship Domestic Student - Application Form

Applications must be submitted via email to mildura@sunitafe.edu.au

Student Details [please tick appropriate box]			
Full Name			
Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate/intersex/ unspecified
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS [whilst studying]			Town Postcode
Mobile No			Home No
Email address			
Applicant Courses Details			
Name the course the scholarship is intended for:			<input type="checkbox"/> Mildura Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Swan Hill Campus
Where do you intend to live?	<input type="checkbox"/> On campus in the SuniTAFE residences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Off campus in the regional area
How did you find out about the Destination Australia Scholarship?			
Citizenship Details			
Please indicate your citizenship status below:		To support your declaration please attached a copy of one of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Australian Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Birth Certificate (not Birth Extract)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Permanent Resident of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Australian Passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current green Medicare Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a New Zealand Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Citizenship Certificate
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Australian citizenship by descent extract
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Current New Zealand Passport
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal confirmation of permanent residence granted by the Department of Home Affairs AND passport or ImmiCard

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Personal Statement: Please provide an explanation, including why you are applying for your chosen course, your community participation, your commitment to studying, your aspirations, and how this may be of benefit to our regional community. [maximum 500 words]

Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate evidence of:

Academic merit in relation to showing examples of achieving success through prior studies

Disadvantage – which may cover a variety of areas

Need to relocate to study your chosen course at SuniTAFE

Career aspirations

Please provide a brief statement regarding your career aspirations [up to 100 words]

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Academic merit/ability

Please summarise the key points that you would make in relation to being able to demonstrate academic merit/ability and so be able to commit to, and successfully complete your academic studies.[up to 150 words]

Demonstrated disadvantage

Please summarise the key points that you would make in relation to circumstances that you believe demonstrate any disadvantage which you may have had, or currently be experiencing. If appropriate, indicate how such disadvantage would be alleviated were you to be awarded a Destination Australia Scholarship.

Need to relocate for study?

Please summarise the key points that you would make in relation to circumstances in regards to relocating to complete your studies, including where you are relocating from and how receiving the Destination Australia Scholarship will support you in relocating.

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Supporting Documents for Evidence

When submitting your application please include supporting evidence to substantiate the key points that you make in relation to academic merit/ability and identified disadvantage. You can also include evidence which supports any community participation, or other areas to which you may have referred in your personal statement.

Examples of support documents may include: Letters of support, referee statements, academic transcripts or certificates from previous study, Centrelink card, Letter of recommendation from industry.

APPENDIX 1: What does disadvantage mean?

The following information may assist you and has been taken from the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre [VTAC] website. [Feb 2020].

Disadvantaged financial background

The following types of circumstances will be considered under this category. Please note this list is in no way prescriptive or exhaustive, it is simply a guide as to the types of disadvantage that may be considered.

- You are on Centrelink benefits
- You are a dependent of a parent or guardian who is on Centrelink benefits
- Excessive financial obligations
- Individual or family economic hardship
- Individual or family poverty

Disadvantaged or medical condition

- Name the disability or medical condition
 - can list multiple conditions if needed
- Duration of the disability or medical condition

Disadvantaged by difficult circumstances

The following types of circumstances will be considered under this category. Please note this list is in no way

prescriptive or exhaustive and is simply a guide as to the types of disadvantage that may be considered.

- Refugee or Asylum Seeker status
- Death of an immediate family member or friend
- Long-term illness of a family member: illnesses considered as serious and long-term such as cancer or psychiatric illness
- Severe family disruption including dealing with alcoholism or drug addiction
- Divorce/separation of parents: difficult separation or divorce of parents including financial hardship and changed living conditions; requirement to change schools and social group
- Natural disaster such as drought, bushfire or flood
- Abusive living environment: physical, psychological and/or emotional abuse over an extended period by a person or persons close to the applicant
- Disruption of education due to constant relocation: relocating to several different schools throughout secondary schooling, or disruption of education due to living or school location
- Homelessness: you do not have a fixed address and do not live with your family or family members
- Care leaver [applicants who have spent time in residential, foster or kinship care]
- Discrimination on the basis of one's own gender identity, gender orientations and/or, gender characteristics
- Bullying, harassment or negative treatment because of personal characteristics such as race, religion, or gender identity
- Excessive family responsibility: family is dependent on you for financial, emotional or physical support during your secondary education

For further information or clarification please go to:
<http://www.vtac.edu.au/seas.html>



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