

Community Bank BDCU seeks to provide students with the opportunity to live, work and study in our local regions. Our annual TAFE Scholarship aims to support students who wish to continue their education in our local community by completing TAFE qualifications.

We invite academically motivated students from the Southern Highlands and Tablelands, who have been offered a place at an Australian TAFE Institute to study in 2025 to apply.

Each Scholarship is valued at \$1000 to support the following study related expenses - accommodation costs, course costs, study-related materials/equipment, textbooks, tutoring and/or education related travel (within Australia).

Scholarship Applications for study in 2025 open from 1 November 2024 – 31 January 2025 and will be awarded in February 2025.

General qualification criteria

Applications for each scholarship will be assessed on the following criteria:

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- You are enrolling for study at NSW TAFE* in 2025 calendar year (see eligible courses listed below).
- You can demonstrate leadership in your community and can demonstrate active community involvement through volunteer or paid work, sporting commitments or other community contributions.
- You are academically motivated and have shown commitment to achieving your academic and/or career goals.
- You can demonstrate how you would benefit from financial assistance to achieve your education goals.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Students must reside in or attend school in the Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Upper Lachlan or Goulburn/Mulwaree catchments.
- You must be aged 16 years or over as at date of application – students under the age of 18 years will require parental /guardian consent to accept this scholarship.
- You must have left secondary school, or are planning to leave at the end of this calendar year, and will have successfully completed Year 10 ROSA as a minimum.
- You can provide evidence of enrolment to commence study in 2025 at a TAFE institute campus located in the eligible LGAs listed above, and in an approved Australian course*.
- You can be studying on campus and /or off campus (including online).
- You can be studying on a full-time or part-time basis.
- You will not be in receipt of any other scholarship or sponsorship in 2025.
- You must have a Community Bank BDCU bank account for the scholarship to be paid into.

* Eligible courses include –

- Certificate III or IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate degree
- Course must be of at least 10 weeks' duration for full-time study or the part time equivalent.

Courses ineligible for this scholarship include VETiS, Foundation level training, Certificate I & II courses and short courses.

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The Scholarship Application process is administered by the Community Enterprise Foundation on behalf of BDCU. To apply please go to:
<https://communitybankbdcu.smartygrants.com.au/>