2020 - Alumni Annual Appeal Regional Scholarship

Status: Closed
Applications open: 19/07/2019
Applications close: 15/11/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The Alumni Annual Appeal Regional Scholarship is funded by the generosity of the Curtin alumni community, who came together to support students through donations to the 2019 Alumni Annual Appeal. The purpose of this scholarship is to support regional students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who are experiencing financial hardship and have contributed to their local community.

Student type
- Future Students

Faculty
- Centre for Aboriginal Studies
- Faculty of Business and Law
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Science & Engineering
  - Science courses
  - Engineering courses
  - Western Australian School of Mines (WASM)

Course type
- Undergraduate

Specifically for
- Students from regional or remote areas

Citizenship
- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa

Scholarship base
- Need Based

Value
The Alumni Annual Appeal Regional Scholarship will provide the following support for a maximum of four years (based on a full-time study load of 200 credits per year):
- A total value of up to $16,000

The scholarship will be paid as a cash stipend of $2,000 per semester. The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.
Payments will be made approximately mid-April and mid-September each year.

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses
All undergraduate degrees
Eligibility criteria
Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for an Alumni Annual Appeal Regional Scholarship:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as a first or second preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree in 2020
- Financial hardship and low socioeconomic status
- Contributed to their local community
- Relocating from a regional and/or remote area to commence study
- Willing to participate in one or more of the following:
  - Provide a testimonial/statement to Curtin’s University Advancement outlining the impact the scholarship has had on your student experience
  - Have a photograph taken, to accompany the testimonial mentioned above
  - Feature in a short promotional video
  - Event hosted by the University Advancement
  - Provide statements to local media if a press release is developed to promote the program

This scholarship is not deferrable.

Enrolment requirements
Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in initial course of study period
- Maintain enrolment each study period at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 each study period
- Fail no more than one unit attempted each study period

Scholarship continuity is subject to meeting satisfactory academic progress as outlined above. Progress will be assessed at the end of each study period. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. Exceptional circumstances must be forwarded to and shall be at the discretion of the Scholarships Office.

Changes to Enrolment
If a recipient intends to do any of the following they must also apply in writing to the Scholarships Office (scholarships@curtin.edu.au) for approval BEFORE the change. The Scholarships Office will advise how the change will affect their scholarship.

- Change of course
- Leave of absence (If approved the maximum period of leave is 12 months)

Withdrawal or Terminated from units or course: A recipient who withdraws from their units or course of study, or has been terminated from studies will become ineligible for continuation of the scholarship, will not receive any further payments and will be required to repay to Curtin University the stipend awarded for that study period if applicable.

Cancellation of Scholarship: Notwithstanding any provision above, Curtin reserves the rights, at its sole discretion, to cancel the award of, or continuity of, the scholarship in the instance that the funds are no longer available.

How to apply

Application process
Step 1: Access online application form
- Applications are to be submitted using the online application form. Access the form by clicking on the ‘Apply Online’ button on the top right-hand side of this page

Step 2: Complete
- Complete the application form online
- Application form can be saved at any point of the process
- Multiple scholarships can be applied for at one time
- Tips on how to complete your application can be found under the Applying for scholarships link on the scholarships website

Step 3: Submit
- Closing date is listed at the top of the page
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed
- Once submitted, application status will change to submitted

Step 4: Receipt
- Application receipt will be sent to the email address provided when you created your Curtin account, once your application
Step 5: Assessment

- Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Financial hardship and socioeconomic status
  - Contribution to your local community

Step 6: Outcome

- Outcome will be sent via the email address listed through TISC on 23 December 2019 (all successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified)

Step 7: Acceptance

- Successful applicants must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2020
- Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted

Please note:

- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient need
- Scholarship will commence from first semester of study for which the scholarship was awarded
- Scholarship is not transferable to another university
- The award and continuity of the scholarship is subject to receipt by Curtin of the scholarship funding from the funder

Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
T: (08) 9266 2992

Frequently Asked questions: https://askcurtin.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/kw/scholarship

Further information
Application Advice
Tips on how to complete your application can be found under the Applying for scholarships link on the scholarships website. Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for, and if successful, will be awarded the highest value scholarship. If students are successful in receiving an offer for more than one scholarship valued the same, they will have the opportunity to select their preferred scholarship. For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact the Scholarships Office.

Centrelink
For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see the Department of Human Services or contact a Centrelink Office. If you require a letter about your scholarship for Centrelink, please contact the Scholarships Office.

Taxation
Generally scholarship money paid to full-time students is not treated as taxable income, however if your study load is less than 75 credits (part-time) your scholarship money is not tax exempt. Other than the full-time study requirement, the general rule is that scholarships are exempt from taxation unless:

- It is a condition of the scholarship that a recipient is required to undertake activities that are of use, help or benefit to the scholarship provider - then the student is rendering a service by agreeing to undertake those activities;
- An award is received by a student where the scholarship is not provided principally for educational purposes.
- During or upon completion of the degree for which the scholarship is awarded a recipient is required to become, or shall continue to be, an employee of the funding body;

The Australian Tax Office has a tool to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the Australian Taxation Office or your accountant when completing your annual Tax Return. If a letter regarding your scholarship is required for taxation purposes, please contact the Scholarships Office.