2020 - Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE)

Status: Open
Applications open: 19/07/2019
Applications close: 6/12/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The Scholarship for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) has been developed to reward and assist students who have demonstrated high achievement and performance engagement and want to pursue study at Curtin University. Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) recipients are committed to and show a strong desire to learn, demonstrate high-level capability in one or more discipline areas and have high aspirations for themselves.

To apply for the scholarship, students must have completed one or more endorsed Curtin Achievement Centred Engagement for Students (ACES) activities (e.g. AHEAD, Innovative Schools Consortium Programs, UniReady in Schools*). Students must submit an online personal statement and obtain an online recommendation from a school staff member or ACES endorsed program leader.

UniReady in Schools is currently available with a selected group of high schools around WA (pilot phase). The students in this program must successfully complete the UniReady in Schools program prior to the SHAPE application closing date.

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

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

Scholarship base
- Merit Based

Value
The Scholarship for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) will provide the following support as a one off payment:

- Cash payment of $3,000. The amount can be used at the recipient’s discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses

Payment will be made post census date (approximately mid-April).

Scholarship Details

Maximum number awarded
Eligible courses
All undergraduate degrees

Eligibility criteria
Nominees must meet ALL of the following criteria to be eligible for the Scholarship for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE):

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as first or second preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree in 2020 and be admitted to Curtin
- Receive a Recommendation from a school staff member or a Curtin endorsed education provider
- Submit a Personal Statement
- Have completed one or more endorsed Curtin Achievement Centred Engagement for Students (ACES) activities

Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) is deferrable for up to one year.

Please note: The Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) currently recognises the following programs:

- EcoChallenge
- Global Water Challenge
- Global Goals Challenge
- AHEAD Yr 7 Program
- AHEAD Yr 8 Program
- AHEAD Yr 9 Program
- AHEAD Yr 10 Program
- AHEAD Yr 11 Program
- AHEAD Yr 12 Workshop
- AHEAD with Confidence Camp
- AHEAD Follow the Dream Campus Visit
- AHEAD Create the Dream
- Row AHEAD
- Sparking Action Online
- UNAAWA Global Citizenship and Sustainability Program
- Young Persons’ Plan for the Planet (ANU)
- UniReady in Schools (*)
- FIRST Robotics Competition
- Mission Discovery Program National
- Questacon Invention Convention
- Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Youth Explorer

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Enrolment requirements
Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in initial course of study

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
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 where the funder ceases to fund the scholarship.

How to apply
Application process

Step 1: Application Link
- The applicant must complete the online application form to apply for this scholarship (The link will open when applications open).
- The required nominator must submit a reference also through the online application form
- A paper-based nomination form and guide are available if required and can be requested by emailing SHAPE@curtin.edu.au

Step 2: Submit Personal Statement
- If you have used the paper based form, please email it to SHAPE@curtin.edu.au

Step 3: Recommendations
- Ask your school staff member or a program leader of a Curtin-endorsed ACES activity to submit their reference through the application link.
- If the recommender requires a paper based form, this can be requested by emailing SHAPE@curtin.edu.au, the form once completed should also be submitted to the same email address.

Step 4: Assessment
- Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  - ACES participation and completion
  - Criteria for Evidence of Learning & Attributes via personal statement and reference

Step 5: Outcome
- Successful candidate(s) will be sent a notification and scholarship offer pack via the email listed through TISC on 23 December 2019.

Step 6: Acceptance
- Successful applicants must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2020.

Please note:
- Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) will be offered if there are applicants of sufficient merit
- Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) will commence from first semester of study
- Scholarships for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE) is not transferrable to another university

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
For advice on how to complete your application, please download the Application Guide.
For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact scholarships@curtin.edu.au

Centrelink
For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see 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; or

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.