

SUSAN & ISAAC WAKIL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In the spirit of the core values of NSW Public Schools, these scholarships enable access to rural and metropolitan students who hold ambition in skills and trades, or an educational field they otherwise might be prevented from entering into despite demonstrated merit, due to disadvantage or prohibitive costs. The scholarships provide financial assistance to high potential students in Year 12 who intend to continue studying either at TAFE or University after finishing their Higher School Certificate. The scholarships assist with the transition into and progress through post-school education e.g. University bachelor degree, TAFE accredited apprenticeship or a TAFE Advanced Diploma.

The scholarships are an initiative of the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation, which seeks to provide a gateway for those facing disadvantage to gain skills in areas of shortage, to be granted support for ambitions, to innovate and contribute to existing trade fields and to enter into professions in demand.

Each scholarship offered starting in 2019 consists of an annual payment provided at the commencement of each academic year (up to a maximum of 3 years). For students relocating from a rural or remote area, an additional one-off payment will be provided to assist with initial relocation expenses. The value of the scholarship offered to successful students will be based on their geographic location, personal circumstances and choice of post-school education.

The scholarship is intended to cover educational expenses such as:

- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring
- Necessary equipment
- Stationery and books
- Payment of course fees
- Laptop

At the end of each academic year, the student will be required to submit to the Public Education Foundation evidence of their successful progression through their study in the form of an academic transcript. If a student is not progressing satisfactorily through their study, the Public Education Foundation reserves the right to terminate the scholarship.

If a student discontinues their tertiary or TAFE education, the scholarship will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the scholarship terms and conditions available on our website at www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-awards-terms

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Attends a NSW Public School
- Currently in Year 12
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Commitment to studying a tertiary or TAFE course as a full-time student in 2019

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to do well at TAFE / University and able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching that potential
 - Demonstrated evidence that the applicant is committed to the core values in NSW Public Schools; respect, fairness and democracy.
 - Experiencing financial hardship that may prevent the student from successfully transitioning to post-school education
 - If applying for the rural scholarship, the student's need for financial assistance in order to relocate to take up an offer of a university or TAFE place
 - Have a positive attitude towards schooling
 - Demonstrate they participate in school life
 - Demonstrate they contribute in the community and/or in extracurricular activities
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SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation, a representative from the funding partner and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicant for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school principal will also receive notification directly.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website -

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

Please note that all applications are now received via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a FluidReview account to access the form.

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email
- Residence status (copy of residency Visa or Citizenship certificate is a requirement for applicants born outside of Australia)
- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two):
- School and principal details

- School Point of Contact – the person at the school who you would like correspondence sent to – name, phone number and email
- Basic information about you/your family:
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - if you are from a Non-English Speaking Background
 - country of origin of your parents and yourself
 - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- Your University/TAFE course preferences including name of institution, name of degree/course and course fees (you *must* submit at least one preference but you can enter up to three).
- A statement outlining why you, the applicant, is a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please also outline your academic plan as well as your commitment to the core values of NSW Public Schools - respect, fairness and democracy. (maximum 400 words)
- A copy of your most recent school report ready to upload (PDF or word format)
- A personal reference (PDF or word format, maximum 400 words)
- A supporting statement from your Principal (the Principal will be sent an email requesting them to complete a statement of support)

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalized your application and all elements are complete (including references and supporting statements as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by **11.59pm on Tuesday 28 August 2018**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 9266 8452 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au