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## Applications for the *YWCA Victoria* Scholarship for Young Women Leaving Care are invited from eligible candidates

YWCA Victoria is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to young women who are transitioning from Victorian State Care and who are looking to undertake a higher education pathway.

Places for the *YWCA Victoria* Scholarship are limited. All candidates will need to complete an application. You will be assessed on your commitment to study, your capacity to achieve, and the demonstration of clear goals.

This is a competitive process and an application is not a guarantee of a scholarship.

### Scholarship eligibility criteria

The *YWCA Victoria* Scholarship is for young women who have participated in the Asista Program and maybe transitioning out of State Care in Victoria and planning to undertake higher education studies (Certificate 3 or above at TAFE or University) within Victoria.

To be eligible for the *YWCA Victoria* Scholarship you must be aged 15 – 21. This may include those finishing Year 12 in 2017, already studying at TAFE or University and seeking financial support, or planning on studying in 2018.

#### *You must also:*

- Agree to provide the information we require in a timely manner
- Agree to maintain a partnership with YWCA Victoria based on mutual respect, accountability, and contribution. This will be demonstrated by:
  1. Provision of any requested documentation in a timely manner which may include but is not limited to:
    - Evidence of enrolment for each semester or course
    - Evidence of the cost of the course
    - Copies of receipts for office equipment purchased eg. Computer, IPAD, stationery
  2. Commitment to your education
  3. Ensuring YWCA Victoria is updated on any changes to details such as:
    - a. Name change
    - b. Address
    - c. Telephone number
    - d. Bank/credit union account
    - e. Course and/or institution transfer
    - f. Financial circumstances

## Important dates and activities

| Activity  | Date             |
|---|------------------|
| YWCA Victoria Scholarship applications closing date | 1 November 2017  |
| Students informed of outcome                        | 15 November 2017 |

## The selection process

Applications must be sent to the Asista Coordinator at YWCA Victoria by the closing date of 1 November 2017.

Please return the following document:

- A completed Application Form which can be downloaded from: [www.ywca.net](http://www.ywca.net)

Candidates will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

## Scholarship payments

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| <b>Scholarship Amount</b> | <p>The YWCA Victoria Scholarship <b>can be up to</b> a maximum amount of \$5,000 per annum depending on the institution and course type. The Scholarship funds are paid in two instalments each year, the first at the beginning of Semester 1 and the second at the beginning of Semester 2.</p> <p>All funds are paid directly into the <b>scholarship student's bank account or to the educational institution</b> where the appropriate evidence requested has been provided, so it is important that this information is provided to the Asista Co-ordinator and is up to date. Please keep all receipts for reimbursement.</p> |
| <b>Educational Costs</b>  | <p>The scholarship can be used for educational costs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enrolment and registration fees</li><li>• Course fees</li><li>• Computers/Software</li><li>• Tuition fees</li><li>• Textbooks</li><li>• Library charges</li><li>• Travel expenses</li><li>• Laboratory / field trips / practical fees, etc.</li><li>• Additional course materials / tools / equipment</li><li>• Hec's debt</li></ul>   |

## Questions

If you have any questions about the YWCA Victoria Scholarship application process, please contact the Asista Coordinator.

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