

Strive Scholarships Tertiary Round

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Strive Scholarships program?

Strive Scholarships is SGCH's annual education program, providing up to \$1,500 for school, university or TAFE students living in SGCH properties.

The program has two application and award periods, one for Kindergarten to year 12 (K to 12) students and the other for Tertiary students in Uni, college or TAFE.

For more information on the K to 12 Scholarship round, please see the Strive Scholarships K to 12 FAQs.

Tertiary recipients can use the money to pay for anything related to their education, such as course fees, text books, travel expenses or computers.

Who is eligible for a Strive Scholarship in the Tertiary round?

Any SGCH tenant or household member who:

- has been housed by SGCH for at least three months (as at 1 March 2021), and
- is enrolled in education in 2021 (further details below).

Applicants must not be in any rent, water or other arrears at any point during the application stage or 2020 educational year. Essential Loans and DigiConnect debts are not taken into consideration.

How much is a Strive Scholarship worth?

The Tertiary scholarships are all \$1,500 each.

What are the application times and dates?

Applications for the K to 12 Scholarship round happen separately in October each year.

The Tertiary scholarship round is open for applications from 9am on 1 March 2021 to 5pm on 31 March 2021.

We usually hold an Award Ceremony in June and all successful recipients are invited. It is unlikely we will have an in-person event in 2021 due to COVID-19, but will find other ways to celebrate and congratulate the recipients.

What type of education can I be enrolled in?

To be eligible for Strive Scholarships tertiary round, the student needs to be enrolled in a Certificate III or higher course at college, TAFE or University. You can be studying part time.

How do you decide who is awarded a scholarship?

We have a set budget for Strive and far more people apply than we have scholarships to give out.

To make awarding the scholarships as fair as possible, we give people a month to apply. Once the form is closed, we remove all the names and other identifying information from the applications and give them to a committee of three people.

The committee judges the applications based on the criteria explained in these FAQs and your answers on the application form, particularly to the questions, "Why do you need the Strive Scholarship?" and "How will the Strive Scholarship help you reach your training and employment goals?", so you **must** put as much information as possible to help the panel decide.

The committee does not know when making the decision whether or not the applicants have family who have already been chosen for a scholarship, or whether they have received one in the past.

Can more than one member of a family apply?

Yes. Strive is open to any household member enrolled in education in 2021.

Is there an age limit?

No, there is no age limit.

How do I apply?

All applicants must fill out a short online application form at www.sgch.com.au/Strive, which takes around ten minutes.

Please note: all applications must be completed online. Paper application forms will not be accepted.

What questions are asked in the application form?

Applicants need to supply information about their education, such as the name of their school, and their reasons for applying for a Strive Scholarship.

What if I need help completing the application form?

Applicants can download a guide to completing the application form, which will include sample answers to some of the longer questions. This is to give everyone the best possible chance of success. You can access the guide at www.sgch.com.au/strive.

You can also visit our offices at Hurstville or Bonnyrigg and staff will assist you to put your answers into the online form.

When do I get the money, if I'm successful?

We will let you know the result of your application by email in mid-May. The money is then transferred to the bank account you supplied in June.

Do recipients need to supply receipts for how they use the money?

No.

Do applicants need to supply proof of enrolment?

Yes.

How long is the Scholarship for?

Successful applicants will receive one payment of \$1,500. Each application is for **one year only**, and previous recipients need to apply again to be considered each year.

I'm doing some TAFE courses while I'm in High School. Which Scholarship do I apply for?

Apply during the Kindergarten to Year 12 Scholarship round in October.

I'm a mature age student finishing my HSC through TAFE. Which Scholarship do I apply for?

Apply during the Tertiary Scholarship round in March.

I still have questions

If you have questions that aren't answered here, please contact our Strive Scholarships team on 9585 1499 or at strive.scholarships@sgch.com.au