

Strive Scholarship K-12 Round

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Strive Scholarships program?

Strive Scholarships is SGCH's annual education program providing money for educational and extra-curricular costs based on the student's level of study. The scholarship money can be used to pay for things such as school fees, stationery, computers, extra-curricular activities and more.

Strive Scholarships happen in two rounds each year, one for Kindergarten to Year 12 students, and the other for Tertiary students.

This FAQ document is for the K-12 round, for Tertiary round, please read pages 3 and 4.

Who is eligible for a Strive Scholarship in the K-12 round?

- 1. Any SGCH tenant or household member or Start Safely program customer who:
- has been housed by SGCH for a minimum of three months (as of 1 October 2023), and
- is enrolled in kindergarten, primary or secondary education in 2024.
- 2. The applicant must not be in any rent, water or other arrears at any point during the application stage or 2024 educational year. No Interest Loans and DigiConnect Interest Free Purchase are not taken into consideration.
- 3. The successful applicant must be still living in a SGCH property at the time of the payment in late January 2024.

How much is a Strive Scholarship worth?

- A kindergarten to year 6 scholarship is worth \$500.
- A year 7 to 12 scholarship is worth \$1000.

When can I apply?

The application for K-12 round will be open at 9am 1 October 2023, and close at 11:59pm 31 October 2023.

How do I apply?

All applicants must fill out a short online application form at <u>Strive K-12 Application</u>, which takes around 10 minutes.



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 who assess the applications.

The committee judges the applications based on the criteria explained in this FAQs and your answers on the application form, particularly to the questions:

- What are your goals and dreams, and how will the Strive Scholarship help you reach them?
- What obstacles or difficulties, other than money, are preventing you from achieving your goals and dreams?

You need to put as much information as possible to help the panel decide.

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

Key dates

Application Open	Application Outcome	Scholarship Payment	Payment Enquiry
1 – 31 October 2023	By 15 December 2023	By 31 January 2024	By 29 February 2024

What if I need help?

If you have any questions or need help to apply, please email our Housing Plus team <u>housing.plus@sgch.com.au</u> or call our customer care hub on **1800 573 370**.

We also have sessions available in our main offices to meet with you face to face to help you.

Please see available sessions time below:

October 2023 Strive Scholarship Application Assistance Sessions						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
2	3	4	5	6		
	10am – 2pm 11 Gibbons Street, Redfern	10am – 2pm 4 Wall Street, Bonnyrigg	10am – 2pm 61-63 Smart Street, Fairfield			
9	10	11	12	13		
10am – 2pm L5, 38 Humphreys Lane, Hurstville	10am – 2pm 14-16 Chandos Street, St Leonards	10am – 2pm L5, 38 Humphreys Lane, Hurstville	10am – 2pm 4 Wall Street, Bonnyrigg			
16	17	18	19	20		
10am – 2pm 9B Washington Ave, Riverwood	10am – 2pm 11 Gibbons Street, Redfern	10am – 2pm 4 Wall Street, Bonnyrigg	10am – 2pm 61-63 Smart Street, Fairfield			
23	24	25	26	27		
10am – 2pm 9B Washington Ave, Riverwood	10am – 2pm 14-16 Chandos Street, St Leonards	10am – 2pm L5, 38 Humphreys Lane, Hurstville	10am – 2pm 4 Wall Street, Bonnyrigg			
30	31					
10am – 2pm L5, 38 Humphreys Lane, Hurstville						



Strive Scholarship Tertiary Round

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Strive Scholarships program?

Strive Scholarships is SGCH's annual education program providing money for educational and extra-curricular costs based on the student's level of study. Tertiary scholars can use the money to pay for anything related to their education, such as course fees, study material, travel expenses, computers and more.

Strive Scholarships happen in two rounds each year, one for Kindergarten to Year 12 students, and the other for Tertiary students.

This FAQ document is for the Tertiary round, for the K-12 round, please read pages 1 and 2.

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

- 1. Any SGCH tenant or household member or Start Safely program customer who:
 - 1) has been housed by SGCH for a minimum of three months (as of 1 March 2024), and
 - 2) is enrolled in a Certificate III or higher course at college, TAFE or University, and
 - 3) is enrolled in education in 2024
- 2. The applicant must not be in any rent, water or other arrears at any point during the application stage or 2024 educational year. No Interest Loans and DigiConnect Interest Free Purchases are not taken into consideration.
- 3. The successful applicant must be living in a SGCH property at the time of the scholarship payment in mid June 2024.

How much is a Strive Scholarship worth?

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

When can I apply?

The application for Tertiary round will be open at 9am 1 March 2024, and close at 11:59pm 31 March 2024.

How do I apply?

You must fill out a short online application form at <u>Strive Tertiary Application</u> and upload a proof of enrolment, which takes around 10 minutes.



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 to assess the applications.

The committee judges the applications based on the criteria explained in this 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 the applicants have family who have already been chosen for a scholarship, or whether they have received one in the past.

Key dates

Application Open	Application Outcome	Scholarship Payment	Payment Enquiry
1 – 31 March 2024	By 17 May 2024	By 14 June 2024	By 26 June 2024

What if I need help?

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