

# AVCAT Scholarships

Applications for scholarships open each year on 18 August and close on 31 October.

AVCAT scholarships include Long Tan Bursaries and sponsored scholarships. Sponsored scholarships are for the children and grandchildren of ex-serving veterans. Long Tan Bursaries are for the children and grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans and are available in each state and territory. The Long Tan Bursary is funded by the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs.

AVCAT sponsored scholarships are funded by ex-service organisations and private donors.

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All bursaries and sponsored scholarships are for tertiary education and are mostly \$4000 per year, for three years.

## To Be Eligible

### Eligibility for a scholarship include the following:

- Australian residency status
- Planning to enrol or enrolled in an undergraduate degree in Australia of one or more academic year's duration in a university, TAFE college or registered training organisation
- Be studying or planning to study full time online or face to face. Priority is given to those who have not previously undertaken tertiary education
- Applicants who are seeking a scholarship for a second degree, Masters or Doctorate degrees may be considered for a scholarship but will be treated as a lower priority. If an applicant has received a Long Tan Bursary, they cannot be considered for another Long Tan Bursary.
- In receipt of or eligible to receive Centrelink payments including Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, Austudy or an accepted means tested Commonwealth government payment.
- Be a child or a grandchild of an ex-serving veteran as defined by AVCATs Constitution (adopted children, foster children, stepchildren and grandchildren). Stepchildren and foster children must have resided with or been financially supported by their veteran stepparent for 5 of the last 10 years.
- The veteran must be an Australian ex-serving veteran with operational service including eligible war service, war-like service and peacekeeping/peacemaking service OR 3 or more continuous years of full-time other service, as a member of the Australia Navy, Army or Air Force.
- People who are serving in the Reserve Forces are considered to be serving so the applicant is not eligible.

The same application form is used for all scholarships. Applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

## **How is my application assessed?**

Applications are considered by a team of independent assessors and AVCAT's National Selection Committee. Each applicant is assessed on the following:

### **Financial need**

Applicants should be eligible on income and assets grounds for full-time means tested educational benefits like Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy or an accepted means tested Commonwealth government payment at the time of application. In assessing the financial need, income, household assets and liabilities are reviewed. Applicants who have a greater degree of financial need for assistance with educational and living costs will have a higher chance to be recommended for a scholarship.

### **Academic potential**

An assessment is made about the ability of the applicant to complete the nominated course of study and is dependent on recent academic results and an academic referee or employer report.

### **Deservedness**

The assessors consider the impacts of the applicants' personal, health and family circumstances. Deservedness is based how the veteran's service in the Australian Defence Force has impacted on the family's health and wellbeing. Applicants will need to detail the health conditions of the veterans.