

2025 RAS Foundation Rural Scholarship Application Form

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Welcome

The RAS Foundation (RASf) was established in 2007 to help build strong, sustainable and resilient rural and regional communities in NSW.

Purpose of the RASf Rural Scholarship: To support students who are passionate and committed to forging careers that will contribute to the future success of rural and regional NSW including the ACT.

Value: Up to \$7,000 for full-time study or \$3,500 for part-time study.

Who can apply?

- Applicants of any age are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be applying for, or holding admission to, a course with relevance to rural and regional NSW including the ACT.
- Applicants must be studying at a registered higher education provider. This can be a university, TAFE or college.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Selection priorities based on:

- Financial need.
- Desire to actively contribute in rural and regional NSW including the ACT.
- Demonstrated interest in rural issues and involvement in the local community.

Applications open: Monday 1 July 2024

Application close: Sunday 22 September 2024

Scholarship Funds: Awarded in three instalments commencing in April 2025 for use in the 2025 academic year.

Further information: Please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website or contact the RAS Foundation on (02) 9704 1234 or via email foundation@rasf.org.au.

Your Details

* indicates a required field

Your Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Please type your name using standard format with capitals used for first and last name, eg Fred Bloggs

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Primary Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Date of Birth *

Age as at 31 January 2025 *

Gender

Postal Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Primary Contact Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Alternate Phone Number

Home Town *

Place you originally resided or spend the most time growing up

Region *

NSW region or State your hometown is in (if you do not reside in NSW)

Are you an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

How did you hear about the RASF Rural Scholarships?

Study Details

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What is the name of the university, college or TAFE you will be studying at in 2025? *

Other:

Campus location? *

What course are you planning to study in 2025? *

Full course name - not abbreviated

Which stage of your course will you be in 2025? *

What best describes your area of study? *

Will you be studying full-time or part-time? *

☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Not sure

Will you be based on campus or studying online? *

☐ On campus ☐ Online/distance education ☐ Not sure

About yourself

* indicates a required field

Will you be living away from home while studying in 2025? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Are you receiving or applying for a HECS-HELP loan or VET Student Loan (VSL) to defer your student contribution amount? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a previous recipient of a RAS Foundation Scholarship? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

List any scholarships or grants you will be receiving in 2025 and the amount *

If none please enter n/a. If yes, please include details in the Budget section

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Have you applied for any other scholarships for 2025? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you currently receiving any of the following in 2025? *

☐ Abstudy

☐ Scholarship

☐ Youth Allowance

☐ Other:

☐ Austudy

☐ Tertiary Access Payment

☐ Other government financial assistance

If you are receiving any of the payments above, please include estimates/actuals in the Budget section.

Financial Need

To assist the RAS Foundation to assess your application it is necessary that we understand your financial position.

Please note that we are unable to assess your application if the Budget section is incomplete.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE BUDGET SECTION

Course fees - only include course fees that you are not deferring via a HELP-HECS Loan or VET Student Loan.

Practical placement costs - these are costs that you may incur if you are required to temporarily relocate to participate in practical placements for your course. These may include additional transportation costs and accommodation costs.

Employment income - average your income out on a weekly basis. For example, if you are only able to work during your holidays please total your expected income for the year based on this work schedule and average to get a weekly amount.

On-campus board and lodging - average any annual or term costs to a weekly basis.

Budget

Estimated Annual Costs for 2025

\$

Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated annual costs.	
Course fees - only include fees that you are not deferring via a HELP-HECS Loan or VET Student Loan.	
Relocation fees (one-off costs eg, furniture, rental bond, transportation of belongings to campus)	
Placement costs (eg transportation or temporary accommodation costs associated with placements)	
Other costs:	

Estimated weekly expenses and income for 2025

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Average weekly income

Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated weekly income.	Must be a dollar amount
Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance	
Other Centrelink payments eg rent assistance, Newstart	
Employment	
Parental allowance	
Scholarship(s)	
Tertiary Access Payment	
Other income:	

Average weekly expenses

Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated weekly expenses.	Must be a dollar amount
Rent/mortgage	
On campus board and/or lodging	
Bills (Gas, Electricity, Internet, Phone)	
Food (include lunches)	
Transport (include fares/petrol)	
General spending money	
Other expenses:	

Summary of annual costs, weekly income and expenses

Annual costs total

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Weekly income total

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Weekly expenses total

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Please explain why you consider that you have financial need. *

Word count:

Maximum 100 words - this can include issues such as distance you live from campus, your living arrangements, how many income earners and dependants in your family.

Please outline how you have prepared financially for your studies next year? *

Maximum 100 words - for example, working part-time or working in the holidays, savings, government assistance (or intent to apply for government assistance), other scholarship applications, financial assistance from family.

Supporting Statements

* indicates a required field

Please respond to each question below in no more than 100 words:

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Why are you studying this course? *

Word count:
Maximum 100 word limit

How will studying this course enable you to play a part in the future of rural and regional communities in NSW and the ACT? *

Word count:
Maximum 100 word limit

Detail your personal involvement in your local community and/or university community over the last two years. *

Word count:
Maximum 100 word limit - dot points

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself, your circumstances or your aspirations? *

Word count:
Maximum 100 word limit

Industry supported Scholarships

The RAS Foundation is fortunate to have a number of industry supported scholarships. Please indicate if you have a particular interest in any of the following areas:

Please tick the box(es) to indicate your areas of interest (maximum 2)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpaca | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest & Wood Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Seafood / Aquaculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle and Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep - Meat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep - Wool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crops & Grains | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Water / Irrigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle and Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Pig | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry - Meat or Egg | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

Please select a maximum of two options

Academic Transcript/Report and Resume

* indicates a required field

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Please attach your most recent academic transcript. Note only MS Word (.doc) and Adobe PDF formats are allowed. *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 2 pages. Please name your transcript document as 'Your Name'_Transcript. By providing this information you consent to the RASF contacting the institution to confirm this information.

Please attach a two-page (maximum) resume. Note only MS Word (.doc) and Adobe PDF Formats are allowed. *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 2 pages. Please name your resume document as 'Your Name'_Resume.

For school-leavers in 2024 commencing tertiary studies in 2025

Please provide the name and contact information for your Principal or a teacher who may be contacted by the RASF, if necessary, for a reference regarding your suitability for a Rural Scholarship. You are not required to provide a written reference.

**Name of Principal/
teacher**

Position at school

eg Principal, teacher, careers advisor

Name of school

Contact number

Referee details

Please provide the name and contact details of a referee who may be contacted by the RASF, if necessary, for a reference regarding your suitability for a Rural Scholarship. You are not required to provide a written reference.

For school-leavers this can be a Principal or a teacher at your school, an employer or family friend. For school-leavers, your referee can be the same referee from school you provided above.

Name of referee *

**Position and Company
Name (if applicable) ***

Email address

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Contact number *

Relationship to applicant *

eg. employer, colleague, mentor, teacher

Declaration

* indicates a required field

The selection panel intends to notify scholarship recipients by February 2025. The offer of a scholarship will be conditional upon receipt of all information outlined above and completion of standard university/TAFE/college admission procedures.

Declaration by Applicant

I wish to be considered for an RAS Foundation (RASf) Rural Scholarship, as specified above.

I authorise the RASf to contact my referee as outlined above, and acknowledge that the RASf reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding a scholarship awarded on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information and cease further scholarship payments.

I agree that should I be successful in gaining a scholarship the RASf may request my assistance with promotion of these scholarships in future years.

Agree to declaration *

☐ Yes

Privacy Act Statement

Information, personal or otherwise, provided by you as the applicant on this Application Form is to be used for the purpose of processing your application and any associated activity relating to the application, for RASf and RAS promotions including media activities and for archival purposes. The information will remain confidential at all times except for disclosure which you have consented to or which is required by law. You may request access to your information and request that it be corrected at any time or the facility cancelled by advising the Privacy Officer on 9704 1111 or by writing to The Privacy Officer, RASf, 1 Showground Road, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127.

By submitting this application you agree to the Declaration above and the Privacy Act Statement for this website.

I agree to the declaration above and the Privacy Statement of this website *

☐ Yes

Parent/Guardian Consent (for Applicants under 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian name

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Contact phone number

As the parent/guardian for the under 18 applicant completing this form, by ticking the box at the end of this paragraph, I agree and provide permission for my child to make this application. I understand that his/her details, including some private information collected in this form, will be used by the RAS and the RASF to process the application including contacting institutions and referees to discuss my child. I agree that if my child's application is successful, then his/her information may also be communicated or published (including the internet) to promote the RASF and/or the RAS. I also agree to be contacted directly on the phone number provided in the event that the RASF or the RAS have future scholarships or other projects that my child may benefit from being involved in.

I agree to provide consent

☐ Yes

Checklist

Have you completed the Budget section? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you attached your resume and transcript? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you are a school-leaver this year, have you provided a referee from your school, eg teacher or Principal? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A (I am not a school leaver)