

2027 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 and the ACT.

Purpose of the RAS Foundation 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 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.
- Applicants of any age are eligible to apply.

RAS employees, RAS Councillors and RAS Foundation Directors and their immediate family members, including partners, children or grandchildren are not eligible to apply for a RAS Foundation Rural Scholarship.

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: Wednesday 1 July 2026

Application close: Monday 5 October 2026

Scholarship Funds: Awarded in three instalments commencing in March 2027 for use in the 2027 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.

About You

* indicates a required field

Your Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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

Email address you would like to be contacted on *

Must be an email address.

Please check the email address you have provided before you submit your application.

Date of Birth *

Age as at 31 January 2027 *

Gender

Postal Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Contact Phone Number *

Alternate Phone Number

Home Town *

Place you originally resided or spend the most time in

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

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

Yes No

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How did you hear about the RASF Rural Scholarships? *

Other:

Your Study Plans

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Which university, college or TAFE will you be studying at in 2027? *

Other:

Campus location? *

Other:

What course are you planning to study in 2027? *

Full course name - not abbreviated

What best describes your area of study? *

Other:

Which year will you be in 2027? *

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

Full-Time Part-Time Not sure

Will you be based on campus or studying online only? *

On campus Online/distance education only Not sure

About yourself

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Will you be living away from home while studying in 2027? *

Yes No Not sure

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Do you plan to undertake paid part-time employment in 2027? *

- Yes No Unsure Will undertake unpaid employment (eg on family farm/family business)

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

- Yes No

Will you be undertaking unpaid placements as part of your mandatory course requirements? *

- Yes No Unsure

Will you receive any other scholarship/scholarships in 2027? *

- Yes No

Have you applied for other scholarships for 2027? *

- Yes No

Are you currently receiving any of the following in 2027? If you are receiving any of financial assistance in 2027, please include estimates/actuals in the Weekly Budget section. *

- 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.

Unpaid Placements

How many weeks of unpaid placements will you complete in 2027 as part of your mandatory course requirements?

Must be a number.

Where will you complete your placements (if known)

Paid employment in 2027

What best describes your anticipated paid employment situation in 2027?

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- Plan to work an average of 1-7 hours per week during semester/trimester time
- Plan to work an average of 8-15 hours per week during semester/trimester time
- Plan to work an average of more than 16 hours per week during semester/trimester time
- Plan to work during holidays from university/college/TAFE only
- Other:

Other scholarships

Which scholarship(s) will you receive in 2027 and what is the amount you will receive? Please also include in the weekly income section in the Budget table.

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

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS 2027: Course fees - only include course fees that you are unable/have opted not to pay for via a HELP-HECS loan or VET Student Loan.

Placement costs - these are costs that you may incur if you are required to temporarily relocate to participate in unpaid practical placements that are mandatory to complete as part of your nominated course. These may include additional transportation costs and accommodation costs.

Car/motorbike expenses - annual expenses including insurance, maintenance and any loan repayments.

Equipment/uniforms - annual expenses including tools, computer, stationery, textbooks, protective wear, boots, scrubs etc.

Moving expenses - annual one-off costs that you may incur when relocating from home to campus. It may include transportation of your belongings to campus and/or purchase of furniture if moving into unfurnished accommodation and bond if moving into rental accommodation (excludes weekly rent/board).

ESTIMATED WEEKLY INCOME AND COSTS 2027:

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.

Scholarship(s) - average any financial scholarships you will receive in 2027 on a weekly basis.

Estimated Annual Costs 2027

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Budget - Annual Costs

\$

Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated annual costs.	
Annual - Course fees due in 2027 and not being deferred via a HECS/HELP loan or VET loan	
Annual - Placement Costs associated with unpaid placements that are mandatory to complete as part of your course (eg transport, accommodation costs)	
Annual - Car/motorbike expenses (insurance, maintenance, loan repayments). Fuel costs to be included under weekly budget.	
Annual - Expenses relating to equipment including tools, computer, stationery, textbooks etc.	
Annual - Expenses relating to uniforms eg protective wear, boots, scrubs	
Annual - Expenses relating to relocating such as bond/furniture if moving into shared accommodation.	
Annual - Other moving expenses	

Estimated weekly expenses and income for 2027

Average weekly income

Average weekly expenses

Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated weekly income.	Must be a dollar amount	Please refer to the Budget Guidelines and total your estimated weekly expenses.	Must be a dollar amount
Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance		On campus board and/or lodging	
Other Centrelink payments eg rent assistance		Rent/mortgage	
Employment		Food (including lunches)	
Parental allowance		Utility bills (gas, electricity, water etc)	
Scholarship (s)		Internet & mobile phone	
Other income:		Public transport	
		Fuel	
		General spending money	

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		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:

Must be no more than 250 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? *

Word count:

Maximum 250 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:

Why are you studying your course? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How will studying your course enable you to play a part in the future

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of rural and regional communities in NSW and the ACT? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

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

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

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

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

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)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <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

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.

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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 2026 commencing tertiary studies in 2027

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	Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of school	<input type="text"/>		
Position at school	<input type="text"/>		
	eg Principal, teacher, careers advisor		
Contact number	<input type="text"/>		

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 *	<input type="text"/>
Position and Company Name (if applicable) *	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Contact number *	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to applicant *	<input type="text"/>
	eg. employer, colleague, mentor, teacher

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Declaration

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The selection panel intends to notify scholarship recipients by January 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.

I declare that I am not an employee of the RAS, a RAS Councillor or a RAS Foundation Director.

I declare that I am not an immediate family member (partner, child, grandchild) of a RAS employee, a RAS Councillor or a RAS Foundation Director.

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

Contact phone number

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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)