

Advance Scholarship FAQs

How much money can I apply for this year?

- ▶ Primary School students: up to \$750
- ▶ High School students: up to \$1000
- ▶ Tertiary Education or Professional Development: up to \$1500

There is a maximum of \$3000 for any one household over the duration of a tenancy.

I don't yet know the exact amount to make an application for, what do I do?

Speak with your education or extracurricular provider and request an estimate of the expenses. Whatever the amount you apply for is the maximum amount you can be awarded.

Once the closing date has passed no increases can be made to applications, if the amount you require decreases please notify Bridge Housing so we can ensure all funds are allocated correctly.

Can I apply if I'm behind in my rent, water or maintenance charges?

If you are behind on any rent, water or maintenance you must have spoken with your Housing Manager and have agreed to and be meeting the payments of your repayment plan.

All applicants will have their accounts reviewed on the closing date to ensure eligibility.



What are some of the reasons my application might not be approved?

Some of the reasons your application may not be successful include:

1. Your household may have reached the limit of available funding
2. Your household may have previously received funding and the demand is greater than funding available. Priority is given to new applicants.
3. Your household may be in arrears, or not adhering to your repayment plan
4. You may not have answered the application questions sufficiently
5. The evidence you provided may not have been sufficient
6. Your application was not submitted on time.

I want to apply for a laptop, but need a specific one for my course. What evidence do you need?

If you need a specific device for your course Bridge Housing requests you provide evidence supporting your application. This could be:

- ▶ A course list from your course provider/ school identifying that specific device/brand
- ▶ A letter from head of subject or lecturer confirming your need for that device
- ▶ If you are unable to acquire the confirmation due to the campus/school being closed, please contact the Community Team to discuss your options.

Case Studies

JESS

Jess* was accepted to study a Diploma Information Technology at TAFE in 2022. As this is her first qualification this course will cost her \$3,600 to complete.

Jess can apply for up to \$1,500 this year through the Advance Scholarship program as she is completing tertiary study.

Jess can then speak to the administration team at TAFE about paying off the additional \$2,100. As the course goes for two years, Jess can explore whether she is able to make payments in instalments as she completes the course, or whether she is eligible for a student loan.

As no-one else in her household has accessed funding for the Advance Scholarship, Jess may be eligible to apply for another \$1,500 of funding next year.

Each household can apply for a total of up to \$3,000 in funding over the duration of a tenancy.



MONICA

Monica* has a daughter in year 10, Charley*, who is needing to get a new computer for school because hers broke recently. Charley also plays soccer for school and on the weekends but she has grown out of all of her sporting gear, and needs to pay registration fees for the competition.

As Charley is in year 10 she is eligible to apply for up to \$1,000 in funding through the Advance Scholarship. Monica applies for a Work Ventures Laptop and for funding to cover some soccer expenses.

Monica ticks the Work Ventures laptop option in the application, this accounts for \$400 of his application. Monica then adds \$300 to request a new soccer uniform, boots and registration fees.

Monica was able to provide a copy of the registration fees and uniform from the soccer organisation and printed the cost of soccer boots from her local sports stores website to ensure the application was properly completed.

By providing this evidence and utilising the Work Ventures laptop Monica was successful with her application for Charley, who was able to receive a laptop and \$300 to spend on soccer expenses.

