**University of South Australia
Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarship**

**Information & Application Form**

**Information**

The University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships were established as part of the University of South Australia Rural Reconnect project. These scholarships, valued at $8,000 each, will assist students from rural and isolated areas to fund their relocation costs associated with moving to the city in order to pursue full-time undergraduate study.

Recipients must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and have completed Year 12 within the last two and a half years. Assessment is made on the basis of financial disadvantage, academic merit, a personal written statement, and a character reference.

Recipients are also required to contribute to their local community, provide a written reflection at the conclusion of their scholarship, and participate in scholarship research.

Scholarship payments are split into three instalments: $3,000 in February, $4000 in July, and $1,000 at the conclusion of Study Period 5. The final payment is subject to demonstrated community involvement.

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must:

* be Australian citizens or Permanent Residents,
* be commencing full-time study in an undergraduate degree program at the University of South Australia.

The recipients will be selected on the basis of:

* demonstrated financial disadvantage.
* academic merit based on Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
* a character reference. The character reference must also verify that the applicant has lived in a rural or isolated area for at least four years prior to the scholarship application.
* having completed Year 12 within the last 2.5 years.
* a personal written statement (250 words) detailing:
	+ career goals
	+ personal goals,
	+ how the recipient intends to give back to the community by:
		- returning to their high school and addressing Year 11 and 12 students regarding their university experience.

**Conditions for ongoing eligibility of the scholarship**

* Continuance of the scholarship is subject to the recipient’s adherence to the scholarship criteria, and decisions to withdraw a scholarship will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
* Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic performance during the scholarship term.
* Recipients must be enrolled full-time and some study must be internal.
* Recipients must contribute to their local community.
* Recipients must participate in scholarship research if required.
* Recipients must submit a written reflection at the conclusion of their scholarship.

**How to apply**
Applicants should submit the completed application form, demonstrated financial disadvantage, completed character reference, and written statement to:
UniSA Scholarship Office

Student and Academic Services
Email: scholarships.prizes@unisa.edu.au

**Value**: $8,000 split into three instalments provided the recipient continues to meet the scholarship criteria and maintains a GPA of 5.0 or above.

**For more information:**

Campus Central
Phone: 1300 301 703
Email: askcampuscentral@unisa.edu.au

Confidentiality - all information you provide in this application will be treated as confidential according to University Policy A.46 Confidentiality of Students’ Personal Information. Your personal information can only be released in special circumstances, where the law requires, or where you give permission.

**Application**

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| **Personal Details**  |
| Full name:       |
| Date of birth:       | Mobile phone number:       |
| Email address:       |
| Home address:       |
|       |
| State:       | Postcode:       |
| Have you lived in a rural or isolated area for the past 4 years?       |
| Please indicate your residential status from the dropdown:  |
| **Study Details**  |
| Do you intend to relocate to Adelaide to commence full-time undergraduate study at UniSA?  | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| What program do you intend to study at UniSA:       |
| In what year did you complete or do you anticipate completing year 12:       |
| Secondary school name and address:       |
| ATAR score (before adjustment factors) (if known):      ATAR score (including adjustment factors) (if known):       |
| Have you ever studied or enrolled at any university before?  | Y [ ]  | N [ ]  |
| Have you been offered a place at UniSA and deferred? | Y [ ]  | N [ ]  |
| If yes, what year did you defer:       |
| Are you in receipt of any other scholarship or grant administered by UniSA? | Y [ ]  | N [ ]  |
| UniSA student ID number (if known):       | SATAC application number (if known):       |

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| **Evidence of Financial Disadvantage** |
| Please read all the following options carefully, then select the **one** that most accurately reflects your current situation.  |
| I am currently in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a means-tested Centrelink benefit(s) e.g. Abstudy, Austudy, Youth Allowance, etc. | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| If your answer is yes, please provide either: * **Proof of a copy of your Health Care Card (both sides)**, your name clearly detailed on it and dated within the last two months. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.

OR* **Proof of Government Assistance**: a Centrelink income statement. Must not be older than 2 months before the date of application - earlier statements will not be accepted. Must detail your name - web print outs will not be accepted. Must clearly state the name of the benefit(s) you receive (AUSTUDY, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Rent Assistance, etc) eg. - unclear statements or those with acronyms will not be accepted.
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| I am currently in the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP). | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| If your answer is yes, please provide: * A copy of your NICP contract with your employer.
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| My partner/parent/guardian is in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a Centrelink benefit(s), AND I am listed as a dependent on their Health Care Card. | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| If your answer is yes, please provide: * **Proof of a copy of your partner/parent/guardian's Health Care Card (both sides),** with your name clearly detailed on it, to show that you are their dependent. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.
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| I am **NOT** in receipt of a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit as I am not yet considered independent by Centrelink.  | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| If your answer is yes, please provide: **UniSA Assessment Form**: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/scholarships/equity-scholarships-at-unisa/study-grants/scholarshipapplicationassessment/ |
| I am from a household of primary producers (eg farmers) and am not eligible for a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit.  | Y [ ]   | N [ ]  |
| If your answer is yes, please provide: **UniSA Assessment Form**: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/scholarships/equity-scholarships-at-unisa/study-grants/scholarshipapplicationassessment/ |

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| **Character Reference**  |
| Please attach a character reference. The character reference must also verify that you have lived in a rural or isolated area for at least four years prior to the scholarship application.Please note that your referee must not be related to you. Examples of a suitable referee could include a teacher, school principal, lawyer, social worker, religious or community leader, Justice of the Peace (JP). Once completed, the referee must sign below, and the statement should be attached and returned with this application.  |
| **Referee declaration** |
| I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant  |
| Signature:        | Date:       |
| Full name:       |
| Home address:       |
| State:       | Postcode:       |
| Phone number:       |
| Occupation:       | Relationship to applicant:       |

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| **Applicant Declaration**  |
| I declare that the information I have supplied about my personal and study details is true and complete. I acknowledge that should this information be found to be incorrect, any scholarship awarded to me may be withdrawn. I authorise the University of South Australia to confirm my Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) to support my application.I authorise the University of South Australia to disclose all information contained within my application to the donors of this scholarship (who are external to the University) for the purposes of assessing my application. |
| Signature:        | Date:       |

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| **Checklist** |
| Please ensure you have provided the following: [ ]  Completed application form[ ]  Evidence of financial disadvantage[ ]  Documentary evidence of ATAR and subjects studied in year 12 (if available) [ ]  Character reference declaration completed and referee statement is attached[ ]  Written Statement as outlined in the ‘Information’ section of this form (250 words)[ ]  Signed the application declaration of this form  |

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Following your submission of your application, you will receive an email acknowledging your submission from the University of South Australia. This may take a few days.

Assessments take place after the closing date of the application period.   During the assessment period, you may be contacted by a UniSA staff member to clarify information that you have provided, or to request further documentation to support your application.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application approximately 8 weeks after the closing date.   This will be via an email to the email account that you have provided in your application form.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview; applicants who have been shortlisted will receive an email notifying them of the details of the interview, including date, time, location, panel members and what to expect.

Successful applicants will receive an email notifying them of their outcome and outlining the terms and the ongoing conditions of receiving the scholarship.   They will also receive an automated email of offer, which they must accept in order to receive payment of the scholarship.  Unsuccessful applicants will receive an email notifying them of their outcome.