

## **Teacher Education Scholarships for University Students in their final two years of study**

### **What's on offer for recipients?**

- \$10,000 allowance (\$5,000 per year) for the final two years of study in an approved teacher education course

#### **Professional experience support**

- \$170 per week (rural/remote) or \$140 per week (Townsville) living allowance during final year professional experience placement in a Catholic school \*
- Travel expenses
- Assistance with organising accommodation while on professional experience placement

*\* If you are on Permission to Teach you are not eligible for the professional experience support*

### **Eligibility criteria**

- Be an Australian citizen
- Reside in, or be willing to reside in, the Townsville Diocese
- Be in third year of an approved undergraduate Bachelor of Education or first year of a two year Master of Teaching in 2026

### **Conditions of scholarship recipients**

Recipients must sign a contract with Townsville Catholic Education relating to the conditions of the scholarship.

To retain the scholarship, recipients:

- Must remain in the education degree identified at the time of the application
- Must pass all subjects and maintain a course GPA of 4.0 or above. Where a recipient fails to meet this requirement, evidence of special circumstances to the reduced GPA must be provided to the Selection Committee for consideration of ongoing eligibility
- Must successfully complete and pass all professional experience placements
- Must complete at least one professional experience placement in a Townsville Catholic Education school in their final year of study
- May only defer or request suspension of their scholarship in exceptional circumstances
- Must accept an employment contract in a Townsville Catholic Education school for two years on completion of their course.

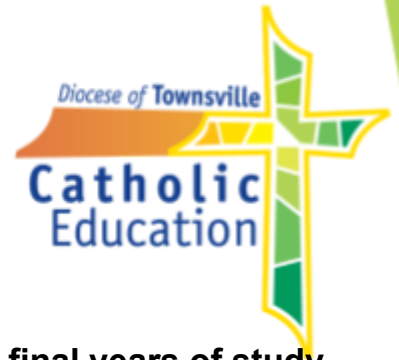
## How to apply

1. Complete the application form
2. Have two people complete the referee report. Referees are to submit the report directly to TCE via email to Louise Dunlop and Melanie Singh at [scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au)
3. Return the scholarship documentation to the Townsville Catholic Education Office in person or via email 10 October 2025.
  - Application form
  - Most recent academic transcript (unofficial)
  - All professional experience reports
  - Resume
  - Copy of Blue Card
4. Your application will be assessed based on university academic results, professional experience reports, application information, referee reports, and commitment to work in Catholic schools in the Townsville Diocese for two years after qualifying as a teacher.

For more information, please contact Louise Dunlop and Melanie Singh via email [scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au)

\*The Australian Government offers a Reduction of Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) debts for teachers in very remote areas on completion of four years of service. This is applicable to two TCE schools - St Patrick's Catholic School, Winton and St Francis Catholic School, Hughenden. For more information visit: <https://www.education.gov.au/higher-education-loan-program/reduction-higher-education-loan-program-help-debts-teachers-very-remote-areas>

^The Townsville Catholic Diocese is a diverse region extending from Townsville to the Burdekin and Whitsunday regions in the South, North to Ingham and Halifax, South-West to Winton, and West to the border with the Northern Territory, encompassing Mount Isa and several small, isolated western towns and east to Palm Island.



## Aspiring Teacher Scholarship for University Students in their final years of study Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

If you currently work in a TCE school, please name the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you identify as First Nations? ☐ No ☐ Yes, Aboriginal ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander ☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Residency status: ☐ Australian Citizen

### TEACHER EDUCATION

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If secondary, list your teaching areas below:

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### YOUR RESPONSE TO BEING A TEACHER

If you receive a scholarship, you will be required to work in a Townsville Catholic Education school for two years following completion of your teaching degree.

1. What are the important characteristics of being a quality teacher?

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2. What qualities and skills do you have that would ensure your effectiveness as a teacher?

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3. Why are you interested in teaching in Catholic schools? Why would you be suitable in this role?

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4. What do you understand to be distinctive about the role of a teacher, and what would you bring to the role?

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5. Please provide any other comments that would assist the selection panel in its deliberations.

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## REFEREES

Please supply two (2) referees to support your application. One must be a University Lecturer and the other can be a supervising teacher from a recent placement. TCE will contact them to complete a confidential report.

1. Name of referee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of referee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION

*I wish to apply for consideration for the Teacher Education Scholarship for University students and I authorise my referees to provide a confidential report directly to Townsville Catholic Education Office on my behalf.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

I have attached:

- ☐ Most recent unofficial academic transcript
- ☐ All professional experience reports
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Copy of Blue Card