

Teacher Education Scholarships for First Year University Students

First year of Bachelor of Education in 2026

What's on offer for recipients?

- \$10,000 allowance (\$2,500 per year) for each year of an approved four year teacher education course
- Professional development opportunities provided by TCE

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 first year of an approved undergraduate Bachelor of Education in 2026
- Be willing to work in a Townsville Catholic Education school for two years after qualifying as a teacher.*

Conditions of scholarship recipients

Recipients must sign an agreement 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 a 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 (if offered) at a Townsville Catholic Education school for two years on completion of their course

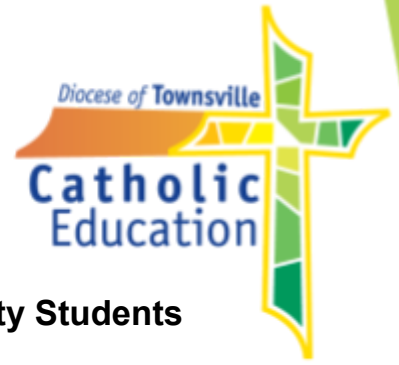
How to apply

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 -scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au
3. Return the scholarship documentation to the Townsville Catholic Education Office in person or via email to scholarships@tsv.catholic.edu.au by 26th September, 2025
 - Application form
 - Resume
 - Copy of Blue Card
 - Most recent school report card (if applicable)
4. Your application will be assessed based on 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 either Louise Dunlop or Melanie Singh at 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 First Year University Students 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 preferred University: _____

Course Title: _____

If secondary, list your teaching areas below:

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?

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

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

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

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

REFEREES

Please supply two (2) referees to support your application. One must be from your school Principal and the other, can be a Pastoral Leader, Pastoral Teacher or subject teacher. If you are not a school leaver, provide two alternative referees. 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:

- ☐ Evidence of enrolment in an approved four year teacher education degree
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Copy of Blue Card
- ☐ Most recent school report card (if applicable)