



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

A guide to providing supporting documentation for applications of AU Scholarships & Grants.

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When applying for an Adelaide University scholarship or grant, you may need to provide documents that support your application and verify your claims.

The documents that you need to provide must be relevant and specific. It's better to submit one relevant, specific example rather than numerous documents that don't meet our guidelines

If you do not provide all requested documentation, then it may affect the assessment of your application, and you may not be considered as a viable recipient for the grant or scholarship.

We have created this guide to assist you in your application process.

This guide provides Adelaide University scholarship applicants and ongoing scholarship recipients with information that is specific to supporting documentation.

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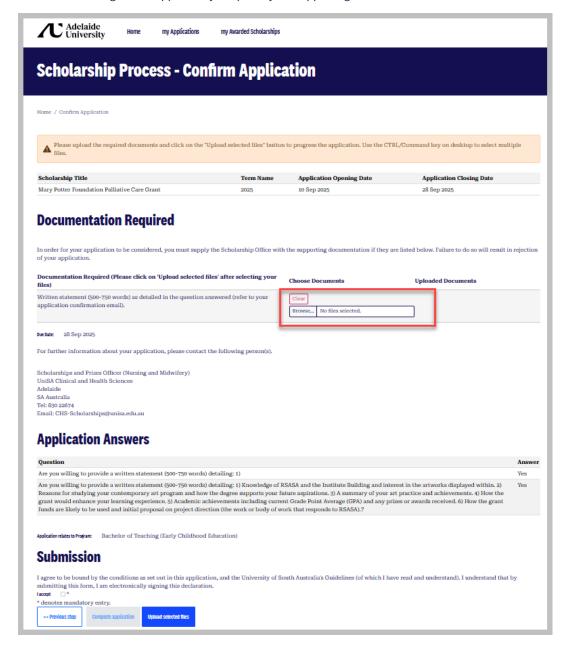
What supporting documentation do I need to provide?

When you submit your responses to the eligibility criteria, if you have met the eligibility criteria for the scholarship, you will be given an opportunity to upload your supporting documentation to your online application.

Please read the list of required documentation carefully and provide the supporting documentation as per our instructions in the email and the guidelines in this manual.

How to submit?

- Once you have submitted your responses to the eligibility criteria, accept the declaration at the bottom of the page by ticking. "I accept"
- Then click "Progress".
- You will then be given an opportunity to upload your supporting documentation.





Document format

- All documentation must be in one of the following file formats:
- Microsoft Word (.docx)
- Adobe PDF (.pdf)
- JPG Image file (.jpg)
- PNG Image file (.png)
- Please ensure you do not upload documents that are password protected or encrypted.
- It is also important to name your documentation clearly and concisely to help Adelaide University staff identify the documents that you have provided. Please try to keep the name length of the document to a minimum.

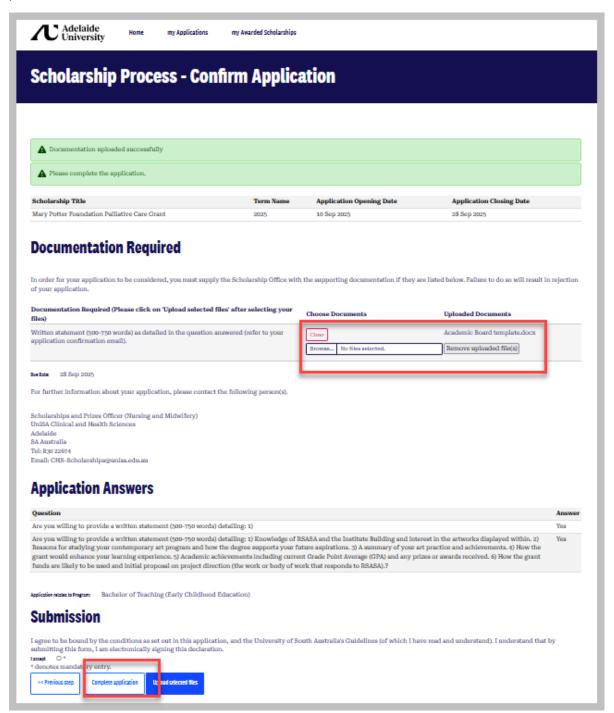
i.e. "First name Surname_Written Statement" "First name Surname_Youth Allowance Statement"



Finalising your application

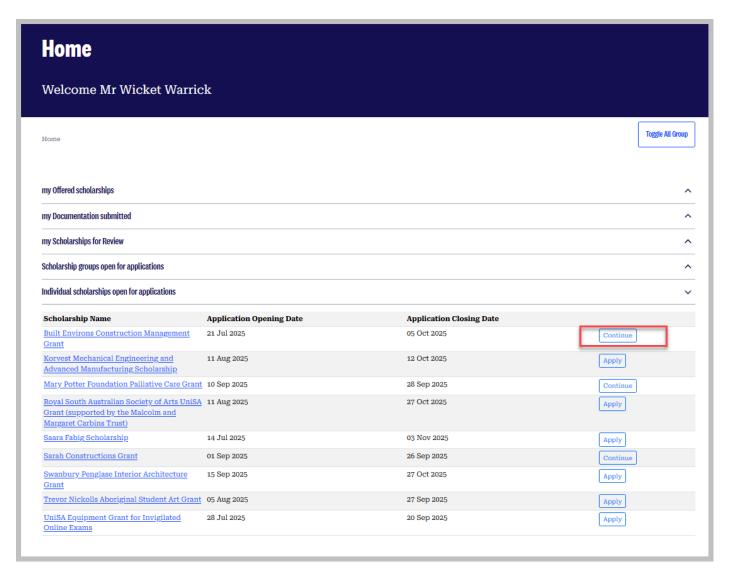
Before you submit your application, you can always SAVE the documentation you have partially uploaded and come back later to submit the full documentation. You can also remove the ones that you are not happy with and reupload.

Once you have uploaded documentation, remember to click "Complete Application" to submit your application. Or if you are not ready, please click "Save".



If your documentation is rejected for any reason by staff, you will be advised via your student email account with the rejection reason and how to reupload. You may then log in to myScholarships to re-upload your document. The below screen shows where to find the scholarship/grant you have applied for. Please click the Continue button to progress.







Glossary of Supporting Documentation

Evidence of academic record / Registrations / Record of experience and achievements

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) Advice Notice	An ATAR is an indicator of how well a student has performed relative to other students in secondary education.				
	If you are asked to provide your ATAR scores, you must also provide evidence of your ATAR score. You can provide your ATAR Advice Notice, which is available from SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education).				
Proof of Cross Institution Course	You will need to provide a letter of enrolment, or some other form of confirmation of enrolment at another tertiary institution. Your enrolment at the other tertiary institution MUST specific to the relevant timeframe.				
Registration to Industry board	Some industries (i.e. Education, Health, Sporting) have Registration Boards that you are required to register with in order to practice in your chosen field. If you have been asked to provide evidence of your registration (e.g.: "Provisional psychologist registration") you will need to provide either:				
	Registration Certificate				
	• Evidence of application submission (followed by your certificate once you have been registered)				
Resume / Curriculum Vitae (CV)	This document is usually provided to potential employers when applying for a j				
	A typical resume will contain your name and contact details, education and qualifications, work experience and volunteering experience, and achievements.				
	If you do not have a current resume and require assistance to write one, <u>Adelaide University Career Hub</u> provide self-help career resources, such as "Building your CV".				
	Example template: Figure 7.				
Unofficial Academic Transcript	Your unofficial academic transcript is a record of study of your complete enrolment history at Adelaide University, including the results for each course you have studied.				
	This is different from your Notification of Results / Program Details.				
	For Adelaide University students, your unofficial academic transcript is available via the student portal. To obtain a copy of your unofficial transcript:				
	1. Login to your myAdelaide				
	2. Click on Manage study				
	3. Click on Academic record				
	4. Under the Generate a Record of study heading, click on the "Generate now" button.				
	For an academic transcript (official or unofficial) from a different tertiary institution, please contact the tertiary institution directly				



Glossary of Supporting Documentation - continued

Evidence of financial hardship	
Concession Card – various	If you have been asked to provide a copy of your concession card to support your application for a scholarship or grant, please ensure you photocopy BOTH sides of your card.
	The <u>Australian Department of Human Services</u> provides information on the various types of concession cards available, including eligibility and entitlements.
	Please note, your Medicare Card is not a Concession Card.
	Example image: Figure 4
Centrelink allowance/Income statement	When a person is in receipt of an allowance / benefits from Centrelink, they receive an income statement with the type of benefit and the amount received. The income statement must be dated within the last two months.
	Please note, Centrelink Income Statements are available to download from your myGov account. For further information about myGov, including how to register for an account, please click here.
	Example image: Figure 3
Proof of Carer Responsibility	When a person is in receipt of a Carer Pension, they receive a Centrelink Income Statement. This statement must clearly detail the Carer Pension and it must be dated within the last two months. Please note, Centrelink Income Statements are available to download from your myGov account. For further information about myGov, including how to register for an account, please click here.
Health Care Card (HCC)	A Health Care Card is a concession card that is given to eligible people via Centrelink.
	If you have been asked to provide a copy of your HCC to support your application for a scholarship or grant, please ensure you photocopy BOTH sides of your card.
	Please note, your Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.
	Example image: Figure 4
Income Tax Return	The most recent tax return will be for the previous financial year. This document will have been completed by your tax accountant or yourself and will have your taxable income for that financial year (1 July – 30 June). This document is available via your myGov account.
Payment Summary	A Payment Summary (also known as a PAYG Summary or a Group Certificate) is a compulsory document that is provided by an employer to an employee at the end of the financial year. This document provides a summary of all income earnt by the employee. A person may have multiple Payment Summaries if they have multiple places of employment.
	Example image: Figure 2



Glossary of Supporting Documentation - continued

Notice of Assessment	The most recent Notice of Assessment will be for the previous financial year. This document will have been provided by the ATO upon the lodgement and finalisation of your income tax for that financial year (1 July – 30 June).				
	Please note, Notices of Assessment are available to download from your myGov account. For further information about myGov, including how to register for an account, please click here . Example image: Figure 1				
Payslip	The most recent payslip is a document that provides your income for the pay period (weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc.,) and will also include the total income received for the current financial year to date.				
Financial Details for Scholarship Eligibility	This online form is an alternative way for us to assess your financial situation, and your application for a scholarship.				
	Detailed information regarding this online form and supporting documentation can be found <u>below</u> .				
Evidence of location					
Evidence of metro / rural location	To provide proof of your metro / rural address, you can submit any of the following				
	Drivers Licence with metro / rural address				
	Residential Lease agreement				
	• Official Letters addressed to you at your metro / rural residence. For metro these letters are to be dated no earlier than 3 months before the application date:				
	Council rates				
	• Utility bill (electrical / gas / phone)				
	Government letters				
	• Letter from Secondary School (rural only) (please see <u>below</u>)				
	A PO Box is NOT accepted.				
Letter from Secondary School	Upon completion of secondary schooling, students may be provided with a letter of reference from their high school. This letter will typically be on the school's letter head, indicating the location of the school. The location of the school in a rural area is sufficient evidence of rural living circumstances for an applicant. The letter from the school must state the student's full name and be on the school's letterhead.				



Glossary of Supporting Documentation - continued

Evidence for equity-based scholarships or medical hardship

Access Plan

An <u>Access Plan</u> provides information about the impact of a student's disability, mental health or medical condition on their studies. The Access Plan helps students to negotiate reasonable adjustments with University staff, so they can study successfully at Adelaide University.

To arrange an Access Plan students should follow the <u>Disability Service</u> Registration process.

Medical Statement

In lieu of an <u>Access Plan</u>, a recent statement from a medical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist or other appropriate professional detailing your medical hardship can be provided.

Identification / Clearance documentation

Confirmation or Affirmation of Aboriginality

You may be asked to provide confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage when applying for *Aboriginal specific scholarships or grants.

The <u>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</u> provides further information and advice on obtaining a Confirmation of Aboriginal heritage.

Adelaide University's <u>First Nations student services</u> is also a valuable resource. A First Nations Student Support Officer may be able to provide you with further assistance and guidance when applying for a Adelaide University scholarship or grant.

* Please note: Aboriginal is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Identification

Photo identification may include:

- student ID card
- current drivers' licence
- proof of age card
- passport

The scanned copy of your photo ID must be in colour.

National Police Check

A National Police Check (NPC) is a document that lists an individual's disclosable court outcomes and pending charges sourced from the databases of all Australian police jurisdictions. Certain convictions, such as spent or juvenile convictions, may not be disclosed on an NPC in accordance with the legislation of the various police jurisdictions.

The <u>Australian Federal Police (AFP)</u> provide National Police Checks, printed on secure paper for a fee.



Statements / References / Letters

Personal Written Statement

A well written personal statement can help to increase your chances of standing out from other applicants! We have dedicated a whole section in this guide to help you to write a personal statement that will get you noticed!

Detailed information regarding written personal statements, including examples, can be found <u>below</u>.

Character Reference/Character Statement

A character reference is a detailed description of your character by a (usually) non-related person. Ideally, this reference is a few paragraphs in length and addresses your character and abilities.

For the applicant, please ensure:

- you address any criteria specified when selecting people to write your character reference, i.e.: someone not related, someone who is not connected to your secondary school, a Program Director, etc.
- you provide any specific criteria that needs to be addressed to the person who is writing your character reference
- are mindful of timeframes; give the person ample time to write the reference prior to the due date of your application

For the person writing the character reference, please ensure:

- you address any specified criteria in the character reference
- are mindful of the due date for the candidate's application

You may wish to consider behaviours such as:

- passion for the program
- skills
- drive
- enthusiasm
- ability to lead
- teamwork

Some key points that might be included are:

- state your relationship with the candidate and how long you have known them
- the candidate's ability and skills
- the candidate's character
- any of the candidate's achievements that you are aware of
- any additional information that you think will help the candidate's application stand out in a highly competitive field.

Example image: Figure 6

Letter of Proof from Program Director

A letter (or email) from your Program Director is required as both evidence and a substantive reason for a student's part-time enrolment status, as opposed to a full-time enrolment status. In order to assist Program Directors when writing this letter, we have created a template as a guide.

Template: Figure 5



Adelaide University's Financial Details for Scholarship Eligibility Form

This is an alternative way for us to assess your financial situation, and your application for a scholarship. During your application process, you may be asked to submit this form.

You will be required to complete the form and provide relevant supporting documentation to verify your financial circumstances.

Relevant supporting documentation must be provided for **each person that you list on the form as having an income.** More information is provided below in the glossary.

Please refer to the Adelaide University website for this form.

Glossary of Supporting Documentation for the Financial Details for Scholarship Eligibility Form:

Most recent tax return	The most recent tax return will be for the previous financial year. This document will have been completed by your tax accountant and will have your taxable
	income for that financial year (1 July – 30 June).
OR	The most recent Notice of Assessment will be for the previous financial year. This document will have been provided by the ATO upon the lodgement and finalisation of your income tax for that financial year (1 July – 30 June).
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	Example image: Figure 2
Most recent payslip	The most recent payslip is a document that provides your income for the pay period and will also include the total income received for the current financial ye to date.



Personal Written Statement - Handy Hints!

A personal written statement is a great opportunity for you to personalise your scholarship application. Your written statement is a summary of YOU! A few minutes spent writing a good statement may earn you a few thousand dollars in your bank account. A few points to remember:

- Check your eligibility and address the criteria: When you are asked to provide a personal statement, you will be advised what points you need to address in your statement. The criteria points may be unique to each scholarship or grant, so you must ensure you read carefully. There are some examples below of the different criteria to be addressed within a personal statement.
- Write in an engaging manner: You may write about your achievements but try to spice it up with different sentence structures that are clear and concise, especially as written statements must align with the disclosed maximum word count. Note that the maximum word count will vary depending on the scholarship or grant you are applying for. Please ensure that this is considered when putting together your application. As part of this document, consider providing examples of how you meet the listed criteria and elaborate on the skills you have learnt. There are some examples below of previously submitted statements.
- Share yourself: Make sure your personality shines through. Your uniqueness and your values, and things that you are interested in.

 Remember, your application is based on the information you provide during this process, and highlighting aspects of yourself and your life that align with the criteria listed will help the selection panel assess your candidacy.
- Show your passion: Your passion in your field of study is important. Why are you interested in this area? How have you been involved in this area previously? Share your dreams and aspirations for the future.

Examples of written statements

playing the violin and singing in a small choir.

Below you will find some good examples, taken from successful applications. You will also find some examples that didn't give us enough detail to contribute to a successful application. Notice the details included in the good examples and the difference between those and the examples beside them. Use these as a guide to help you start writing.

Good Examples	Poor Examples
I am from a regional area and I have moved to Adelaide to study since January 2018. Currently I am in receipt of a Centrelink benefit Youth Allowance and I am working part time in a supermarket for 5 hours a week. A scholarship would help a great deal in achieving my career goals.	I'm struggling for money as I don't get any help from family or anyone else.
I am currently living with my parents and not in receipt of any Centrelink Benefit. I am happy to provide income histories and my parents' taxable income for the last two financial years.	I live with my family and they support me with food and other daily expenses.
In year 10, I completed work experience in a nursing home and I enjoyed the experience so much that I volunteered to return this year. I have visited the local nursing home, reading to three aged persons (once/week for 10 weeks), and participated in a concert,	I have provided care and company to the aged community by visiting a nursing home a lot. I like talking to the elderly people.



I undertook the following as a member of my school Committee: I led the organisation in an awareness raising week highlighting the plight of refugees in our country. I ran five meetings and attended daily lunchtime forums during the awareness week. The school Principal met with me and acknowledged the success of the project. I've spent in total 20 hours in the project.

I was in a school committee where I helped poor refugees.

I took part in my schools' trip to Cambodia in March 2018. After applying and being chosen to participate in July 2017, my team of eight students was required to raise \$2000 in funds to be used on our project of building a new classroom. We attended seven preparatory meetings prior to departure. The week in Cambodia included eight-hour days of physical work and classroom support for the students in the village. Since returning I have continued to fund raise for this community and I've maintained communication with the teachers in the school which we supported.

I went to Cambodia for a week in March this year and raised money for a project for kids.



Appendix: Examples of Documents

Figure 1 Example of a Notice of Assessment

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Figure 2 Example of Payment Summary

	Payment su	mmary fo	r year endi	ng 30 June 2	2017	
Payee details					NOTICE T	O PAYEE
Jane Doe			tax	withheld box.	you must lodge	n amount in the tota a tax return. If no ta: o lodge a tax return.
			abo	ut this paymer isit ato.gov.au	nt and how it is to between 8.00a	
	Day/Month/Year		Day/Month/Yea	8		
Period of payment	5/12/2016	to	30/06/201			
Payee's tax file number	111-111-111		TO	TAL TAX WIT	HHELD \$ 48	9
Gross payments	\$ 22	84			A \$	payments Tyy
CDEP payments	\$	11/	7	-	В \$	\equiv
Reportable employer superannuation contribut	ions S				D \$	
Reportable fringe benefit FBT year 1 April to 31 March	samount \$ 10	0			E \$	
is the employer exempt fro under section 57A of the Fi		No X	res			
Total allowances	\$ 85					iross payments above

Figure 3 Example of Centrelink Income Statement

Lb 3 Regents Park Dc NSW 2143



Reference:





27 May 2014

This Income Statement shows information we hold about you on your Centrelink record. If you decide to show this information to anyone else for any reason, you can choose to show all the information or to block some information out.

Income Statement

DOB	28 Jul 1949
Customer Partnered	(X)
Maximum Rate Disability Support Pension Number of Children Assessed	N V
Number of Children Assessed	

Previous regular entitlements and payments

Payment Type		Amount	Date Paid	Date of Grant
Disability Support Pension	V / // //	\$577.40	16 May 2014	7 Jul 2008
Clean Energy Supplement		\$10.50	16 May 2014	7 Jul 2008
Pension Supplement		\$47.40	16 May 2014	7 Jul 2008

Previous irregular payments

There are no previous irregular payments to report.

Deductions from your payment

Payment Type Deduction Date Paid Amount Disability Support Pension Centrepay Deductions \$40.00 16 May 2014

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Contact information

If you have any questions about this letter please ring:



Your local Centrelink Office:



132 717 OR 13 1202 for Multilingual Services

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am — 4:30pm

Monday - Friday 8.00 am - 5.00 pm (Please quote reference number

www.centrelink.gov.au

Figure 4 Example of a Health Care Card (HCC)



Keep this card with you

This card should be used when claiming concessions provided by Australian Government and state and territory governments and discounts from some private providers.

Eligibility for state, territory and private provider concessions is determined by the concession provider.

Important

- This card cannot be used after its expiry date or if you have been told by us to destroy it.
- · This card is not transferable.
- You must advise us within 14 days of any changes to your circumstances that are likely to affect your entitlement to this card.

\$8357,1310

Figure 5 Template for Program Directors

TO BE COMPLETED ON ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY LETTERHEAD

OR EMAILED FROM AU STAFF EMAIL ACCOUNT

Confirmation of Studies

Student Name: XXXXXXXXX

Student ID: XXXXXXXXX

This letter is to confirm that the above-mentioned student is currently enrolled in the *PROGRAM CODE* – *PROGRAM NAME*at Adelaide University.

The student is enrolled in a part-time load for *STUDY PERIOD* due to *SELECT AN OPTION / DELETE OPTIONS*

- prerequisites that need to be met in order to enrol in furthercourses
- a specific course is not offered in the study period
- nearing completion of current program and will have less thana full-time load in order to complete studies.
- other please elaborate

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kind regards

Name

Title





Figure 6 Tips for Writing a Student Reference

1		Student name:
2		Your relationship to the student:
3		How long have you known the student?
4		Please describe the student's demonstrated abilities / skills:
5		Please comment on the student's character:
6		Other comments:
7	•	Name:
		Position/ Title:
		Signature:
		Date:

Figure 7 Resume template – provided by Adelaide University Career Hub

Full Name

Full Name

| email address | phone number |

PROFILE

Edit for each job application, matching where possible the language used in the job description. Ensure this is no longer than 5 lines.

KEY SKILLS

It is important to back up each point with an example or evidence. You may wish to combine your key skills and key achievements under one heading. Keep to your strongest points only. It is usually better to make a few powerful statements than a long list. If you are changing career or have limited work experience, this section is key. Tailor for each job application by prioritising your skills against those required by the employer.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

You may wish to combine your key skills and key achievements under one heading if you have limited information. Keep your strongest points only and back up with statistics or facts where possible. It is usually better to make a few powerful statements than a long list. If you are changing career or have limited work experience, this section is key. Tailor for each job application by prioritising your achievements against those required by the employer.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Decide whether or not to include sub-headings to separate your responsibilities and achievements. The subheadings help when you make a large number of points or want to accentuate your achievements. You may wish to insert the sub-headings only for your most recent job. Write less about irrelevant or older jobs; concentrate on recent and relevant experience.

If you've had a number of jobs within the same company, consider having one header with the company name and sub-headings with the roles and dates.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Think about the relevance to the job you are applying for. If you have limited or no work experience, a description of skills and achievements gained during your most recent studies can help. Otherwise, keep this section short and factual.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Keep to relevant skills, training or languages only. If a job requires specific <u>skills</u> you may wish to elaborate on your capabilities e.g. Fluent French speaker capable of conducting business meetings. If not appropriate, delete this section.

INTERESTS

Remember to make this section interesting not just a list of predictable things. If possible link your interests to the company, industry or role.

REFERENCES

Decide whether to state "References available on request" or to insert the details of one or two references. Do not include contact details at this stage.

References available on request.

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