Financial Assistance

Commonwealth Government Assistance
Austudy and the Youth Allowance

Austudy and the Youth Allowance are available to eligible students enrolled in CSU courses.

The Youth Allowance is available to eligible:
- full-time students aged 16 to 24 years;
- full-time students aged 25 years or older who were receiving the Youth Allowance before they turned 25 and are continuing in the same course; and
- students up to 21 years of age who are combining part-time job search and part-time study.

Austudy is available to eligible full-time students aged 25 years or older.

A student is regarded as a full-time student if studying 75% or more of a normal full-time load. A normal full-time load at CSU is 32 points per session.

Austudy and the Youth Allowance are both subject to an income and assets test which, in the case of the Youth Allowance, is applied to parental income and assets unless the student qualifies as an independent student.

Payments are made fortnightly from the date of lodgement of the claim form or the day the course starts, whichever is later. Late claims will not receive back pay. Other benefits include:
- a fares allowance for students travelling between their home and CSU;
- a pharmaceutical allowance to help with the cost of certain prescriptions;
- a remote area allowance for students living in remote areas of Australia;
- an interest-free advance payment of up to $500;
- access to the Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme (see below); and
- for students 16-24 years of age, rent assistance if they have to live away from home.

Some students in receipt of a social security or veterans’ affairs income support payment (for example sole parents, widows, students with a disability) may also be eligible for the Pensioner Education Supplement to assist with expenses associated with study. For information telephone Centrelink on 132 316.

Information and claim forms for Austudy and the Youth Allowance are available from Centrelink offices or by telephoning Centrelink on 132 490.

Austudy

Austudy provides financial assistance to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled either full-time or part-time in CSU courses. Austudy provides a means-tested living allowance which is paid fortnightly and other allowances for expenses associated with study.

Students living in the CSU residences or in a hostel can choose to receive a reduced living allowance and have their residential fees paid by Austudy. Students receiving Austudy have access to the Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme (see below).

Information and claim forms can be obtained from any Centrelink Office or by calling the Austudy inquiries line on 132 317.

Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme

Some students eligible for Austudy, Abstudy, the Youth Allowance or the Pension Education Supplement may obtain a loan through the Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme. The loan can be used to meet expenses such as accommodation, transport, food and books.

Under the Scheme, a student can elect to trade part of their payment under Austudy, Abstudy, the Youth Allowance or the Pension Education Supplement for a loan for double that amount. For example, trade in $3,500 of the Youth Allowance for a Student Financial Supplement Loan of $7,000 a year.

However, loan amounts are repayable.

For further information on the Student Financial Supplement Loan Scheme telephone Centrelink on 132 490.

CSU Assistance

Special Assistance Loan Scheme

See section 3 of this Handbook.

Charles Sturt Foundation Scholarships

Through the Charles Sturt Foundation, CSU offers a range of scholarships to undergraduate students and prospective undergraduate students who are, or intend, studying full-time at one of CSU’s main campuses. Some scholarships are dedicated to particular courses, modes of study, campuses or are for students from particular geographical regions.

The selection of scholars is normally based on the following criteria:
- Academic performance (as a general rule approximately 80% of successful first year applicants have had a UAI greater than 92, and of successful continuing students approximately 80% have had a grade point average greater than 5.0); and
- Leadership and motivation as demonstrated by your contribution to the community, university life, or school (in the case of school leavers);
• Evidence of motivation as shown by an ability to set and achieve personal and career goals.

Scholarships range in value from $1,000 to $6,000 for one year, to $18,000 over the duration of a three year course. The majority of scholarships are funded by the Foundation while others are supported on an annual basis from other sources.

A brochure with an application form is available from the Foundations Office:
Telephone: (02) 6338 4832
Facsimile: (02) 6338 4833

You can also apply online or download an application form from the following website:
www.csu.edu.au/student/scholarships

The Foundation scholarships closing dates are:
Continuing students: Monday, 27 October 2003
First year students: Monday, 23 February 2004

Scholarships at the Albury-Wodonga Campus
Last year eight scholarships were awarded.

Scholarships for students studying at the Albury-Wodonga Campus range in value from $1,000 - $4,000 depending on the availability of funds and the quality of the applicant. Scholarships are available to students in all undergraduate years of study and in all disciplines. They are awarded in the names of:
Albury City Council
Cecilia Bevan Gerontology (Honours only)
Dr Henry Nowik
HC Mott Border Mail
Hume Building Society
Indyamara
Kwik-Kopy Printing Centre - Albury
Mark Smyth Memorial Scholarship Fund
Norske Skog Albury
Rotary Club of Albury
Rotary Club of Tallangatta
Rotary International
St George Bank Limited
Tumut Shire Council

Scholarships at the Bathurst Campus
Last year 98 scholarships were awarded.

Scholarships for students studying at the Bathurst Campus range in value from $1,000 - $18,000, depending on the availability of funds and the quality of the applicant. Scholarships are available for students in all years of undergraduate study and in all disciplines including Honours. They are awarded in the names of:
Alan Morse & Co
Allens Arthur Robinson
AMP
Austereo Limited
Australian Association of Regional Radio Broadcasters
Australian Radio Network
AXA Australia
Bathurst City Council
Bathurst Doctors for Education
BOC Gases Australia
Caltex Australia
Cannings
Charles Sturt University Printery
Charles Sturt University Students’ Association
Bathurst
Chris Gordon Memorial
Commercial Radio Australia
Country Energy
Coca-Cola Amatil
Cox Inall Communications
D’Arcy Australia
Delta Electricity
DMG Radio Australia
Douglas Schneider Memorial
Dr Henry Nowik
EDI Rail
Esso
George Patterson Bates
Gerry and Helen Baber
Getronics (Aust) Pty Ltd
Gordon Bullock Memorial
Human Movement Studies Unit, Charles Sturt University
Indyamara
Institute of Chartered Accountants – Central West Region
International Advertising Association
James Hardie Australia
James N Kirby
Kenny Spring Solicitors
KPMG
Lattice Davis
Leighton Holdings
Lindsay Smith Memorial
Lumley Corporation
Macquarie Radio Network
Matron Hertzog
McIntosh McPhillamy & Co
Mitchell Emeritus Club
Mitchell Graduates Association
Mitchellsearch
National Australia Bank
Newcrest Mining
Nine Network ($15,000 over three years)
Nursing Network
Omya Southern
Peter Hodgson
Pioneer Construction Materials
Prime TV
RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Radio 2BS
Scholarships at the Dubbo Campus
Last year 16 scholarships were awarded.

Scholarships for students studying at the Dubbo Campus range in value from $1,000 - $4,000, depending on the availability of funds and the quality of the applicant. Scholarships are available for students in all years of undergraduate study and in all disciplines. They are awarded in the names of:

- Baraamielinga
- Country Energy
- Darcy Kennedy
- Indyamara
- Nursing Network
- Orana Education Centre
- Orana Regional Development Board
- Ramiens Timber
- Rotary Club of Dubbo
- Rotary Club of Dubbo South
- School of Nursing and Health Science Distance Education

Scholarships at the Wagga Wagga Campus
Last year 25 scholarships were awarded.

Scholarships for students studying at the Wagga Wagga Campus range in value from $1,000 - $6,000, depending on the availability of funds and the quality of the applicant. Scholarships are available for students in all years of undergraduate study and in all disciplines. They are awarded in the names of:

- Acid Soils Action Program (Honours only)
- Adams Kenneally White & Co
- Amtech Australia
- Area News and Murrumbidgee Irrigator
- Australian Hotels Association Wagga Wagga Sub Branch
- Bland Shire Council
- Capital Chemist
- Country Women’s Association of NSW Riverina Group
- Dubbo Nuclear Medicine & Ultrasound
- Faculty of Science and Agriculture (Mathematics)
- Gissing’s Pharmacy
- Golden Gown Award
- Goulburn College of Advanced Education Alumni
- Grain Growers Association Limited (Honours only)
- Gundagai and Tumut Shire Council
- Hitachi Kokusai Electric
- Indyamara
- J Brockhouse and Associates
- Junee Shire Council
- JVC Professional
- Kevin Dickson Memorial
- Magna Systems and Engineering
- Regional Imaging Limited
- Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise
- Sky News
- St John of God Hospital
- Sustainable Agriculture research Group (SARG)
- Temora Shire Council/Izumizaki
- The Angel Family Trust
- Tumut Shire Council
- Viten Broadcast Limited
- Waerawi Farming Co.
- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Wagga Wagga Teacher's College Alumni

Scholarships for Distance Education Students
Although the majority of the Foundation Scholarships are available only to full-time students studying on campus there is a limited number of scholarships available to undergraduate students studying by distance education. Contact the Foundations Office on (02) 6338 4832 for further information on any additional scholarships that might become available through the Charles Sturt Foundation.

Scholarships for distance education students range in value from $1,000 - $3,000, depending on the
availability of funds and the quality of the applicant. Scholarships are available for students in any year of their study. They are awarded in the names of: Nursing Network RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz School of Nursing and Health Science Distance Education Tumut Shire Council

**CSU Residential Advisers**

CSU Residential Advisers are awarded to students on the Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga Campuses who live in the student residences as residential staff. The awards are based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership ability, motivation to succeed and contribution to life at CSU.

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**CSU Residences Scholarships**

Students are only eligible to apply for these scholarships if they are applying to live in the Halls of Residences at Charles Sturt University operated by the Department of Residences and Catering Services at Bathurst, Dubbo, Albury-Thurgoona or Wagga Wagga campuses.

Commencing students must receive a PREP (Principal Report Entry Program) offer to be eligible to apply. The scholarship is open to all continuing students. Both commencing and continuing students must be studying full-time at Charles Sturt University in 2004 and their home postcode MUST be on the isolated postcode list.

To be eligible to apply for a CSU Residences Scholarship applicants must also be able to demonstrate that they have been experiencing financial hardship. You must either be receiving Youth Allowance or similar, OR you must be able to show that you (or your parents if you are a dependant) have a low income. Your application is more likely to be successful if you also belong to one or more of the other designated equity groups. These groups are people who: have a disability; are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; are from a non-english speaking background; or if you are a woman enrolling in an information technology course.

**BENEFITS:** If you are successful, the scholarship will pay for $650 of your accommodation fees on campus in the following Self Catered residences:
- Wagga Wagga South campus – Package Two Occupancy;
- Bathurst MTG Twin – Package Two Occupancy;
- Albury-Thurgoona or Dubbo – Package Two Occupancy.

For further information regarding scholarship conditions, guidelines and an application form go to: www.csu.edu.au/enterprise/residences

**Policing Scholarships**

Students who apply for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course are invited to apply for a Policing Scholarship. Four types of scholarships are available:

- **Basic Scholarship:** an $8,000-12,000 scholarship for trimesters 1 to 3, Sessions 1 and 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course and demonstrate financial need.
- **Higher Value Scholarship:** an $128,000 scholarship for Trimesters 1 to 3, Sessions 1 and 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course and who demonstrate that they would otherwise not be able to do the course without the support of a scholarship.
- **Graduate Scholarship:** a $4,000 scholarship for Trimester 3 Session 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course with credit for trimesters 1 and 2 Session 1 of the course.
- **Session 2 Scholarship:** Students in Session 2 studying full-time and not in receipt of an $8000 or $12000 scholarship, are eligible to apply for a scholarship in the range of $1760 to $4000. Students converting from Distance Education to full-time internal study are eligible to apply. Scholarships are awarded on academic and professional merit plus evidence of financial need. Distance Education Scholarship: for students who commenced the Diploma of Policing Practice course via the distance education stream - a scholarship up to $6,000 awarded on merit to students who
demonstrate financial need, are enrolled in Trimester 3 and who continue to meet the professional and academic criteria for admission into the course.

Students awarded a scholarship will have the scholarship paid into their bank or credit union account fortnightly. Students living on campus at Goulburn can have their accommodation costs paid directly from their scholarship. Scholarship payments commence on the Thursday after the course commences. A scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to meet the professional and academic criteria of the course or changes the mode or load of enrolment.

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
Charles Sturt University
Locked Bag 676
Wagga Wagga 2678
Telephone: (02) 6933 4334
Facsimile: (02) 6933 2063
Email: admissions@csu.edu.au

Residential Scholarships
Residences would award up to 15 scholarships, to be paid out of Residences' budget.

They would generally be awarded to students in residence on the campuses as follows:
• one for Albury or Dubbo
• seven for Bathurst
• seven for Wagga Wagga

The scholarships would have a value to each student of $650. This would be paid by two credits to the student’s Banner account, one each semester, and paid the first Sunday of each session.

The student would have to make all payments on time. They are allowed to use the delayed payments plan. If payments are not made on time the scholarship is forfeited.

The students would be accommodated in the cheapest rooms, ie Wagga South campus for 40 weeks; Bathurst MTG Twin for 40 weeks; and Thurgoona or Dubbo for 40 weeks.

The student MUST be from an isolated postcode, according to the list nominated by the SEO’s.

Holders of the scholarship must remain in Residence all year. If a student moves out, the scholarship is forfeited and adjusted pro rata.

The scholarships are available for both first year and continuing students.

All students must apply in the appropriate ballot. Up to 50% of scholarships are for continuing students.

SEO’s must select scholarship winners and notify them in the period between publication of accommodation ballot results and the first closing date for acceptance of room offers. The scholarship offer is forfeited if at any time room allocation is cancelled.

As many as possible scholarships for commencing students would be awarded to students who have received offers under PREP.

SEO’s handle the scholarships, i.e. receive the applications and choose the students.

Names
The scholarships would be known as Residences Scholarships, possibly with addition of the name of a past student or long-time staff member.

Scholarships could be awarded at one of the Residential Dinners held at Bathurst and Wagga Wagga.

Selection Criteria
Propose using the current StartUp guidelines, EXCEPT that living in an isolated postcode would be the essential criterion. Applicants would then be ranked as follows:

Isolated and full YA
Isolated and partial YA ranked by amount received if not enough applicants on full YA

Other equity criteria as per StartUp guidelines if required to split applicants.

Promotion
Full information would be maintained on the Residences website. Residences would maintain a link to this information as part of the general accommodation information for prospective students.)

SEO’s will increase promotion to schools in the isolated postcode areas and as part of PREP.