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## Maple's Scholarship Program

### Guideline Booklet

Supporting people in the disability sphere to achieve their educational goals.



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# Introduction

## Developing and Growing the Disability Sphere in Australia.

Are you studying or planning to study at University, TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation in 2023? Do you have a disability or currently work within the disability industry under Maple Community Services? Are you motivated to gain a formal qualification? Maple Community Services is proud to award two inaugural scholarships to individuals within the disability sphere in Australia. These two scholarships are positioned to provide both the Maple Community as well as the broader disability industry, opportunities for supported education. These scholarships are made possible by the support of Maple Community Services, who is devoted to providing continued opportunities of equality to people with varying abilities, or those who work within this industry.

## Purpose

The aim of each scholarship is to support a student's integration into tertiary education. It is known that students with disability may have additional obstacles to overcome in accessing tertiary education, particularly the additional costs involved, which can be considerable and variable.

***Supporting people in the disability sphere to achieve their educational goals.***



## Maple Emerging Talent Scholarship

The Maple Emerging Talent Scholarship is an initiative designed to assist individuals within the Maple Family grow and expand their education. This Scholarship is open to any Maple individual, whether it be staff or client, who has been with the company for more than 3 months.

### The Specifics

**Eligibility:** Maple Community Services Staff or Client  
**Amount:** \$5,000  
**Tenure:** 12 months  
**Start Date:** February 1, 2023  
**End Date:** January 31, 2024

**Application Close Date:** January 4, 2023

## Maple Equality & Inclusion Scholarship

The Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship has been established to help provide people with a disability, greater access to affordable educational opportunities. This Scholarship is open to any individual within the Australian Community who identifies as having a disability.

### The Specifics

**Eligibility:** Any person who identifies as having a disability  
**Amount:** \$5,000  
**Tenure:** 12 months  
**Start Date:** February 1, 2023  
**End Date:** January 31, 2024

**Application Close Date:** January 4, 2023

# Scholarship Structure

# Use of Funds

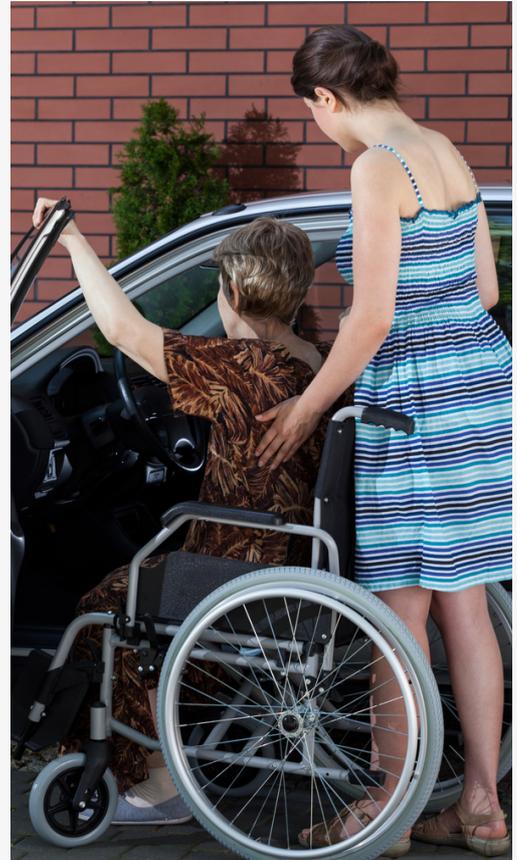
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The awarded recipient for each scholarship may use the funds to assist with tertiary study costs such as library and internet charges, purchase of textbooks, on-campus accommodation, transport costs, computer hardware and software, stationery, personal support and scribes/tutors.

**Scholarship funds may be used to cover items not covered by the NDIS or other funding schemes.**

**These include:**

- Up to 50% of their Scholarship amount to study fees/tuition.
- Course excursion funds or residential expenses on campus.
- Carer's allowance contribution not funded by another source.
- IT requirements; for example: laptop, computer, hardware / software, voice recognition programs, IT tuition.
- Introductory computer-use training tailored to the specific needs of the individual.
- Textbooks and reference material (including online resources).
- Stationery and other study / workplace supplies not provided.
- Additional support; for example, scribe and typing services.
- Travel costs up to \$500 to cover transport costs to and from place of study.
- Equipment required for courses and training.
- Professional fees involved in career counselling / planning, resume services, interview coaching, portfolio development.



## Payment Terms

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**The successful recipient will receive their scholarship funds within two payments, as follows:**

- **Payment 1:** A cheque of \$2,500 upon success.
- **Payment 2:** A cheque of \$2,500 halfway through the tenure period of study.



# Application Process

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- 01.** Applications will open on the 1st of August, 2022 and close at 5pm, 4th of January, 2023.
- 02.** Upon closing of Applications, your submission will be reviewed to determine the scholarship/s for which you meet the eligibility criteria.
- 03.** The Scholarship Advisory Committee will shortlist applicants for interviews. If your application progresses to the Interview Stage, you will be contacted prior to the interview period.
  - Scholarship Advisory Committee will consist of members nominated by the Maple Community Services Directors or their nominated delegate.
- 04.** Interviews will take place between the 11th of January and 18th of January, either face-to-face at the Maple Community Services Head Office in Blacktown, NSW or via video conference.
- 05.** Reference checks will be completed.
- 06.** Successful applicants will be informed by the 25th of January.

Payment of scholarship is contingent upon the supply of confirmation of enrolment.

# Selection Criteria

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The Scholarship will be awarded by an Advisory Committee consisting of members nominated by the Maple Community Services Directors or their nominated delegate.

The Committee will take into consideration the below aspects as well as the final round interview to form a decision:

- Academic Merit.
- Financial Situation.
- Personal Statement.
- Course of study is a logical trajectory for the student's skills, interests and goals.
- The potential of the scholarship to enhance ability to successfully complete the program of study.
- The applicant's previous academic performance indicates they will be able to successfully complete their studies to a high standard.
- The reference letter which talks to the quality of the applicant's work, work ethic or character which aligns to a successful scholarship placement.



# How to Apply

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## 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO APPLY.

1. Read through the Scholarship Guidelines and complete the Pre-Application Checklist on the Maple website to ensure you are eligible.
2. Download and Complete the Application Form.
3. Submit your Application by 5pm, 4 January 2023, according to the instructions in the Application Form. Applications must be submitted via the Maple Community Services Website.

## DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED.

- ✓ Completed Application Form.
- ✓ Letter of Enrolment or Admittance into an educational institution.
- ✓ Personal, professional, or academic Reference outlining your suitability for this scholarship.

# Eligibility Criteria

## Maple Emerging Talent Scholarship

The Maple Emerging Talent Scholarship is positioned to assist individuals within the Maple Family to grow and expand their education.

### The Eligibility Criteria for the Maple Emerging Talent Scholarship are as follows:

- Applicants must either:

have a disability and be a current Maple Community Services Client. The minimum time the individual must have been with Maple Community Services is 3 months.

or

be a current Support Worker or Management Staff Member with Maple Community Services. The minimum time the individual must have been with Maple Community Services is 3 months.

- The applicant must also be an Australian citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident.
- The applicant must be accepted into or be enrolled in tertiary study in Australia.
- In need of financial support.
- If a Support Worker or Management Staff is the successful recipient of the Scholarship, then their studies must be within the following areas:
  - Medicine
  - Aged Care
  - Personal Care
  - Therapies
  - Social Work
  - Psychology
  - Mental Health
  - Social Sciences
  - Community Services
  - Or another category that falls within the medical, health/wellbeing, justice-related or services industry.

Study may be undertaken through any tertiary, TAFE, vocational or registered training (RTO) with a CRICOS or RTO code, or other registration appropriate to the type of organisation. Courses may be undertaken via face-to-face, external, online, correspondence learning or a combination of these.

# Eligibility Criteria

## Maple Equality + Inclusion Scholarship

The Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship has been established to help provide people with a disability, greater access to affordable educational opportunities. This Scholarship can be allocated to any area of study that the successful recipient is passionate about.

### **The Eligibility Criteria for the Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship are as follows:**

- Applicants must have a disability.
- The applicant must also be an Australian citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident residing in Australia.
- The applicant must be enrolled or looking into tertiary study in Australia for 2023.
- In need of financial support.

### **Applicants may apply to undertake:**

- Undergraduate or postgraduate formal qualifications;
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD), short courses and single units of study aimed at maintaining and improving professional knowledge and skills;
- Short courses related to employment, employability, life skills, independence or where this is related to SCI community engagement and contribution (for example, writing, community development, advocacy)
- Study readiness courses; for example, university preparation courses, literacy and numeracy courses.

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# Excel your future with Maple.

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What are you waiting for, apply now and achieve your education goals with the help of Maple's Scholarship Program.





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