



Hints and Tips

Putting together an application for Scholarships can sometimes be tricky. It's hard to determine what universities, organisations and individuals look for in an application – what will make your application stand out from other applications?

The assessment of your University of Sydney Scholarship application is based on your personal statement and your high school report.

The Faculty you have nominated on your application form will inform you if you've been shortlisted before your ATAR is known.

Personal Statement

This is your chance to have your application noticed and to be potentially placed on the shortlist.

Be creative. Think outside the box, let your future career inspire you as to what form your personal statement should take. The statement may be in the form of an inspiring story about yourself; it may take the form of a magazine-style article or it may be an intriguing mind-map of the past and the future you! The possibilities are endless, and this is the place to shine. Take this opportunity to inform the assessing panel of your academic and non-academic pursuits. Make sure spelling and grammatical errors are not its downfall! Space is precious in a personal statement; pick and choose activities, events and future goals that will be favourable to your application. Do not use bullet points and if you are submitting text ensure it is typed.

School Report

Include your most recent school report in your application. Should your latest school report be unavailable, then your Year 11 report will be accepted.

Please do not send in your school reports separately at a later date; they will not be considered.

School Reference

If you supply a school reference it may be considered. Please do not send in your school references separately at a later date; they will not be considered.

Submission of your Application Form

Keep the application form clean and simple. No photos, no plastic sleeves, no binding. Show your creativity in your personal statement, not the application form.

Other pertinent information

You can only choose *one* faculty in your application – think wisely and ensure the correct faculty is chosen. If you receive an offer of a scholarship, the scholarship is only valid in your chosen faculty and is *not* transferable.

Receiving a scholarship offer is not the same as receiving a place in a program of study. Please be aware that they *do not* go hand-in-hand.