



2023

Scholarship Application

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Be a part of the **YAL Family** and gain a whole new support network



Diverse use of funds, Any expense associated with supporting your educational needs, beyond a 'traditional' scholarship



Why choose YAL Connect?

Because it's more than just a scholarship and here's a few reasons why:



Building professional growth & individual development



Gain access to a greater professional network



Experience opportunities

Application Checklist

- Am I eligible for a scholarship? (See page 4.)
- Which scholarship do I want to apply for and do I meet the requirements for that scholarship?
- I have read the Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions.
- I have **really** read the Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions.
- If under 18 I have parent/guardian consent and they are clear on the Terms and Conditions.
- I have completed the application form and answered every question in the application.
- I have attached supporting documents. See page 14.
- Complete Submission checklist.
- Sign, submit & cross your fingers!

If under 18 provide parent/guardian information & Signature

(See page 15.)

What is YAL Connect?

A bespoke scholarship program allowing young Australians to stay on their journey through education with diverse support in the form of financial assistance (aid) and advocacy.

Education to YAL isn't defined by academics but the experiences that life shapes for you, as such our program promotes opportunities in education from passions to traditional schooling to apprenticeships and hands on learning. This means there are no bounds to how our scholarship can encourage and advocate for young people in whatever their potential means to them.

YAL Connect offers scholarships to students aged 14-25, covering up to two years.

Am I eligible for a YAL Connect Scholarship?

- The applicant is an Australian Citizen or has permanent residency in Australia;
- The applicant is attending a recognised Australian education institution;
- The applicant has educational goals;
- The applicant experiences barriers or does not have equitable access to educational opportunities or resources.
- For Upper Secondary scholarship (\$3,000 p.a. for up to 2 years) the applicant is entering year 10, 11 or 12 in 2023;
- For Post Secondary scholarship the applicant will be aged between 17-25 and pursuing further education opportunities (\$8,000 p.a for up to 2 years).

What Scholarships are on offer?



YAL & City of Wanneroo Upper Secondary Scholarship

- Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Wanneroo.



YAL & City of Stirling Upper Secondary Scholarship

- Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Stirling.



YAL & Schiavello Systems WA Upper Secondary Scholarship for Indigenous Students

- Recipient must reside in WA
- Specific for Indigenous Australian students



YAL Members Rural or Remote Upper Secondary Scholarship

- Recipient must reside in a Rural or Remote area, this encompasses all areas outside Australia's major cities.

See FAQ for more information



YAL & Harrison Family Trust Upper Secondary Scholarship

- Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Armadale, WA.



YAL Upper Secondary Scholarship

- Open national category with standard eligibility criteria.



YAL Post Secondary Scholarship

- Open national category with standard eligibility criteria.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can someone other than the potential recipient apply for a scholarship on behalf of the young person?

No. YAL wants to hear from the young person themselves. This is not an English assignment. We want to get to know you and hear your story in your own words, it's not a test, be yourself and let us get to know what you are passionate about and how receiving a scholarship will impact/improve your life.

Can I defer my scholarship if I defer my study?

Yes. Please see our Terms and Conditions regarding deferring.

What is considered Rural or Remote to apply for the YAL Members scholarship?

Rural or remote encompasses all areas outside Australia's major cities. For further information follow this link: <https://aifs.gov.au/publications/families-regional-rural-and-remote-australia/figure1>

What can I use the scholarship funds for?

Anything to support your educational needs. This includes but is not limited to:

Tuition Fees	Uniforms -Specialist Clothing	Books
Specialist course fees	Equipment	Living expenses
Tutoring	Computer software/hardware	Travel
Learning Experiences		

When will I know if I have received a scholarship?

Notification of the outcome of your application will be expected by early December 2022.

What happens if I do not keep up with my obligations once I've been awarded a scholarship?

Please see our Terms and Conditions under Grounds for Scholarship Termination.

If I've left high school early to pursue alternative education (e.g. TAFE/Training) which scholarship do I apply for?

You would apply for an Upper Secondary Scholarship.

Can I apply for an area specific scholarship if I attend school in the area but don't live in the area?

Yes. See requirements for each scholarship

Why do I need to include my social media profiles?

Please see the Publicity and Promotions section in our Terms and Conditions, as a general rule your social media will only be considered if you are short listed for an interview.

Can I apply for more than one (1) scholarship?

Only nominate one (1) scholarship, however the selection panel reserve the right to consider you for another category if you are eligible.

Terms and Conditions

Accepting your Scholarship

Successful scholarship applicants will receive a letter of offer that details the scholarship duration and payment timing. If you do not wish to go ahead with the scholarship you are offered, you must advise YAL immediately in writing.

Payment & Reporting

All scholarship recipients will receive their funds via direct bank deposit. Once the recipients have been notified they are successful they will be required to provide bank details for the distribution of their funds.

At the end of every month during the time you are a scholarship recipient you must provide a report detailing how the scholarship funds have been spent. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to provide this report to YAL. The report template will be provided with the letter of offer.

Keeping your contact details up to date

All correspondence during the application process will be sent to your nominated email address as provided in your application.

Scholarship recipients must advise YAL if they change their contact information or place of study during the course of their scholarship. This can be done by an email to info@yal.org.au

Publicity & Promotion

If you are offered a scholarship, your scholarship details including first name, region and scholarship awarded may be passed on to media and used by YAL and associated sponsors for promotional purposes, including but not limited to the YAL website and website of our associated sponsors. Your consent will be sought before we do so.

If you attend events held by YAL, photos of you at the event may be forwarded to your school and/or be used for promotional purposes by YAL and its associated organisations such as the donor who created the scholarship. Your consent will be sought and if you do not wish to be photographed or have your details used in this way, you must contact YAL Staff in writing as soon as possible. Doing so will **NOT** affect your scholarship or relationship with YAL and its associated sponsors.

Please note if you are under 18 years of age, we suggest you discuss this with your parent or guardian.

For further information please refer to YAL policies.

Enrolment Requirements

All scholarships are awarded on the basis that you will maintain an enrolled status at the nominated institution or in your approved course of study. Your scholarship may be terminated if your enrollment status changes, for example if you discontinue your course of study or training.

Most scholarships require full time enrolment. For university students to maintain full time enrolment you must be the equivalent to 0.375 EFTSL. If you are unsure if you are considered a full time student please contact YAL staff at: info@yal.org.au

Deferring Your Scholarship

Requests for deferment of scholarship will be assessed on an individual basis and at the discretion of YAL. Scholarships will not be paid while students are on leave of absence or deferment, from their course of study.

Maintaining your Scholarship

To retain your scholarship, you must:

- Maintain enrolment in an approved school, accredited training organisation or higher education institution in Australia;
- You must advise within 14 days of any changes to details as provided in your application;
- Comply with all obligations as outlined in your welcome letter;
- Provide details of any other scholarship, bursary or award funding in respect to your studies;
- Comply with all policies of YAL.

Grounds for Scholarship Termination

YAL may terminate your scholarship if you have:

- Discontinued from your approved course of study or have inactive enrolment via any means;
- Failed to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of your scholarship;
- Been suspended or excluded from your course of study;
- Behaved in a way that brings YAL or associated sponsor/s into disrepute or in any way damage the reputations of the previous;
- Not met the requirements of your scholarship as outlined in your scholarship 'Welcome Pack';
- Had criminal charges brought against you;
- Been made an incorrect scholarship offer as determined by YAL at its sole discretion;
- and/or;
- Have provided incorrect, false or misleading information or withheld information on your scholarship application or after receiving a scholarship offer.
- If your scholarship is terminated you will not receive any further payments.

In cases where the funds have been fraudulently obtained or inappropriately expended you may be required to repay some or all of your scholarship.

Repayment of your Scholarship

You are required to repay your scholarship within 4 weeks of receiving your payment if:

- The payment is made to you in error or you have been overpaid;
- Your scholarship is terminated;
- You do not meet the conditions of the scholarship or are ineligible for the scholarship;
- And/or
- You have been made a scholarship offer in error.

How does my Scholarship affect my tax and/or Centerlink Payments?

YAL cannot provide you with any advice on taxation or Centerlink matters. The information provided here is of a general nature only and does not take into account your individual circumstances.

In most cases, if you are enrolled as a full time student, your scholarship payment will not be taxed. If you are not enrolled as a full time student, your scholarship payment may be taxed and you will need to declare your scholarship as assessable income in your tax return.

Scholarship payments may impact your eligibility for Centerlink payments.

YAL is not liable for the payment of tax or any other obligations you may incur as a result of accepting a scholarship from us. You must seek appropriate financial advice prior to accepting a scholarship.

Further Information can be obtained from the [ATO](#) website, the [Centrelink](#) website or the [Social Security Law](#) website.

Liability Waiver

In accepting a scholarship from YAL you agree to WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE YAL, its officers, associates and its associated organisations from any and all liability, including but not limited to, any liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may occur to you during or after the scholarship period, including during or after any travel undertaken as part of the scholarship.

Application Process

How do I apply?

Applications will only be accepted on the Application Form provided in this Information Package or Online at www.yal.org.au.

If you require to submit your application in an alternative mode such as by video, please contact our YAL Staff. The application process requires you to:

- Complete Section 1 -Application Form
- Complete Section 2 -A short answer questionnaire
- Provide a portfolio of supporting evidence

How do I submit my application form?

Preferred: Online at www.yal.org.au

Alternatively: Email: info@yal.org.au

Alternatively: Post to *Stamp not required*

Young Australia League Ltd.

Reply Paid 84593

45 Murray Street,

Perth, WA 6000

Who selects the successful applications?

A selection panel will review all applicants according to the criteria set out in the Application Form. The selection panel consists of representatives from various education sectors. After considering all applications, the selection panel will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The selection panel may invite a number of applicants for an interview before making its final recommendations. This will occur in the first week of October via MS Teams. YAL staff will assist with the arrangements for those short listed.

Feedback on individual applications will NOT be provided. The selection process is confidential. No information provided by the applicants will be released to third parties without the informed consent of the individual applicant.

When is the closing date for the applications?

Applications for the 2023 scholarship/bursaries close at 5pm (WST) Monday, 15th August 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application Form

Section One - Application Form

Please select **one (1)** of the following Scholarships

YAL & City of Wanneroo Upper Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Wanneroo. 	
YAL & City of Stirling Upper Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Stirling. 	
YAL & Schiavello Systems WA Upper Secondary Scholarship for Indigenous Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient must reside in WA For students who identify as Indigenous Australian. 	
YAL & Harrison Family Trust Upper Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient must reside in or attend school in the City of Armadale, WA. 	
YAL Members Rural or Remote Upper Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient must reside in a rural or remote area, which encompasses all areas outside Australia's major cities. 	
YAL Upper Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open nationally 	
YAL Post Secondary Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open nationally 	

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____ (Optional) Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Social Media: _____



Where are you studying in 2022?

School/ Institution: _____ Current Year: _____ (Secondary Students)

School Address: _____

Course of Study Name: _____ (Post Secondary Students)

Where are you studying in 2023?

School/ Institution: _____ Year: _____ (Secondary Students)

School Address: _____

Course of Study Name: _____ (Post Secondary Students)

If you are a successful recipient how would you be prepared to promote YAL Connect and the actions you'd be comfortable to undertake to promote YAL and our values.

Tick the box('s) that are applicable to you.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Share YAL posts on personal social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speak at YAL events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepared to speak to the media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share your individual information on YAL's social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend YAL events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be featured in YAL publications
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the above.

Section Two - Short Answer Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. All information is confidential. If you would prefer to answer these via a short video please contact our YAL Staff via email info@yal.org.au

1. What are you striving for in your future? Please tell us about the career(s) you're interested in, and/or a description of the life you hope to have.

250 words max.



2. Please explain a barrier/s (financial or other) that is making it difficult for you to reach your goals. How is the barrier affecting you, and how would this scholarship help you overcome it?

250 words max.

3. Please describe something you are proud of. This might be something from your school, a sporting club, a community organisation, your family or your friendship group.

250 words max.

Section Three - Attach portfolio

Applicants are required to attach a portfolio of evidence to support their application. Scans or copies are acceptable. Please do not send originals.

The portfolio is **required** to include:

- The last two school reports you received (or academic transcripts).
- A written reference from someone at your current education institution.
- A written reference from someone who can speak to your character, skills or achievements. (someone from a community group, workplace, sporting club etc.)

If you are having trouble accessing any of these please make contact with YAL staff: info@yal.org.au

You are also welcome to submit up to 3 other documents or multimedia files to support your application:

- Examples of artwork
- A performance you participated in
- Evidence of Community Involvement
- Up to 3 awards or certificates you're proud of receiving.
- Something you've built
- Something you achieved in your community

How did you find out about the Scholarship?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Worker/Chaplain
<input type="checkbox"/>	YAL Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper Article	<input type="checkbox"/>	Careers Counsellor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	School/Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):				

Submitting your application

Please check the following before submitting your application:

- I have read, and agree to the program Terms and Conditions.
- I give permission to YAL to collect, use and disclose my personal information in this Application Form for the purpose of assessment and administration.
- If successful in my application, I understand that I may be asked to publish my first name, region (if applicable) and photograph on the website and social media of YAL and/or associated sponsors. In addition this information can be used for printed & electronically distributed materials.
- I understand that during the selection process my personal information will be shared with selected panel members and other relevant parties in order to comply with our obligations of care.

Signature

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Consent (If under 18 years of age):

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

What's next?

Submit your application pack in one of the following ways:

Preferred: Online at www.yal.org.au

Alternatively: Email: info@yal.org.au

Alternatively: Post to *Stamp not required*

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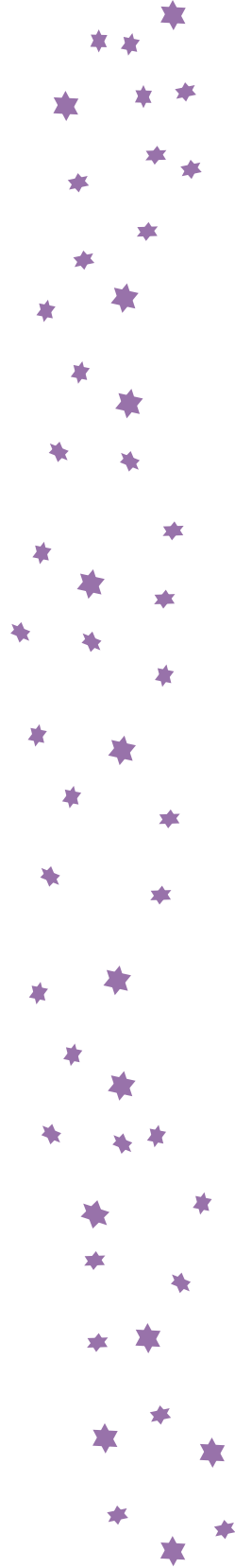
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Cross your fingers & Good Luck!



YAL reserves the right to amend this Application Form. Any questions about these Terms and Conditions should be directed to YAL Staff:

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OR email YAL Staff at info@yal.org.au or call us on 08 9325 5911

