

Scholarships – Tips to give you more opportunity to win a scholarship

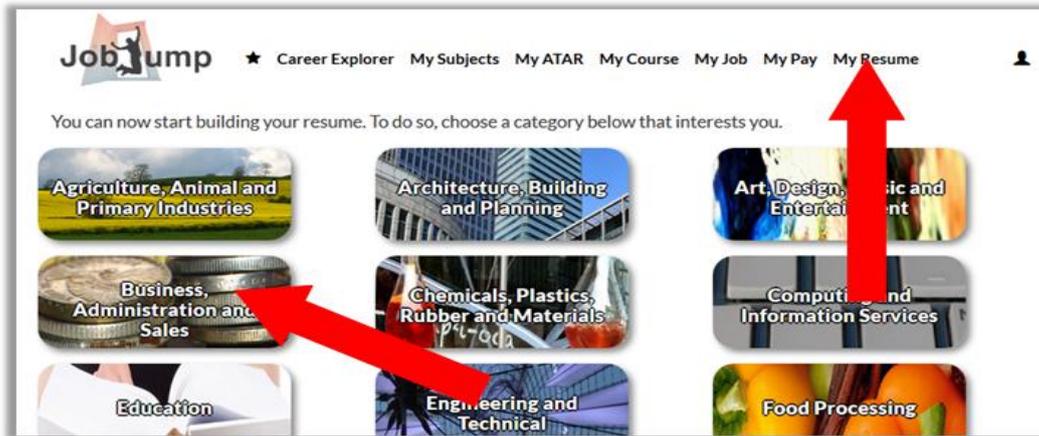
Winning a scholarship can help give you the financial assistance to meet the costs of your tuition. It can also give you a great deal of pride for receiving this award.

JobJump Scholarships Finder and Guide

You can complete the scholarship box on JobJump and save it to use in all your scholarship applications. Your information here can be viewed by your Careers Adviser and they can give you advice and assistance from here.

Steps to follow:

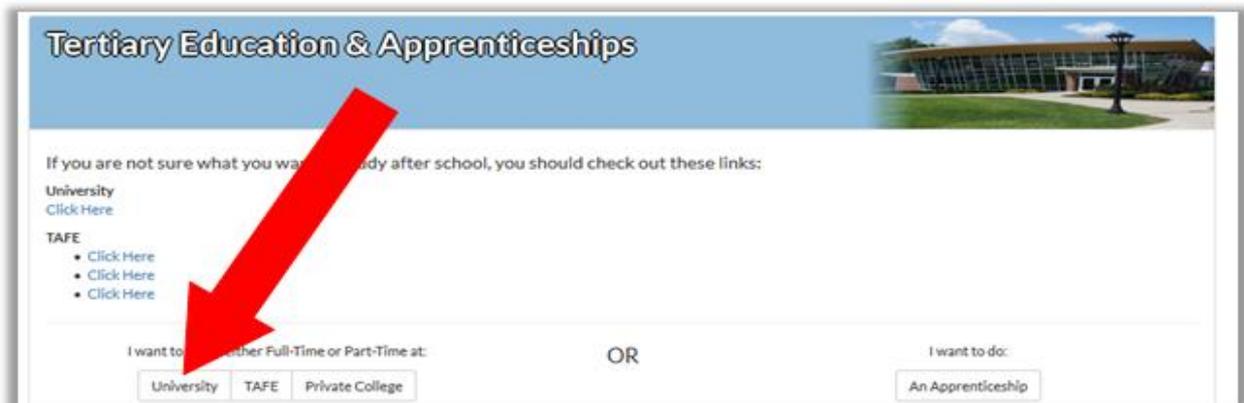
1. When on **JobJump**, select the menu item **My Resume**. Click on the **career you like**.



Then click on the option, '**Tertiary Education and Apprenticeships**'.



2. Select the **University** option where it asks:
'I want to study either full time or part time at **University**, TAFE, Private College'.



3. See the two red arrows in the image below. YFor the first red arrow you will find there a selection of all the universities' scholarship offerings where it says 'See **here** for information about scholarships'. By clicking on the word 'here' you will open up all the Universities' scholarship options for you.



4. Importantly, there is a box to complete (second red arrow) where you can begin collecting examples of times you have done community service or leadership roles and other information you want to keep related to your scholarship applications. Your Careers Adviser can also view this and give advice from here.

Another way to find scholarships is in the Good Universities Scholarships searcher found here: <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships#.VpGcy1LLns4>

Key questions you need to ask

Before entering into any course, whether it is at University, TAFE or a private college make sure one of your main questions you ask is:

- 'Please can you tell me what are the fees for each year?' and
- "Can you please tell me the fee schedule for these costs?" The schedule is the payment plan of how much you pay and when to pay. Make sure you fully understand this and if you find it difficult then find someone who can help you who is good with money matters.

Before even doing this, you will want to be sure of the course(s) you may wish to study. The best thing to do is go to the University Open Days to make sure you like the University, the course you are interested in doing and then ask the above questions about the fees.

It is then that it is best to ask about the scholarships that they have for the course(s) you like..

Some scholarships are based purely on having achieved a very high ATAR. If this may be you, then applying for a scholarship may be a simpler process and can be asked on the Open Day. There are others you can ask about that relate to your situation such as:

- Rural students
- War veterans children
- Financial difficulties
- Disability

Many others are based on your involvement in community service, leadership roles.

Some people prepare to apply for these types of scholarships only a month before the scholarship deadline date. Preparing to obtain a scholarship can take many months. For these types of scholarships you are best to make sure you do your homework on the courses you like when you are in Year 11 before that year's Open Days. Then you have enough time to do a solid preparation.

A common mistake students make is...

Many students look for courses that have scholarships and then apply for these courses hoping to win the scholarship. Such students get trapped in doing a course that they really don't have their heart in doing whether they win the scholarship or whether they don't win one.

Moral:

Look for the courses you **really** want to do and then ask the Course Information Officer at the University what scholarships are available for this course.

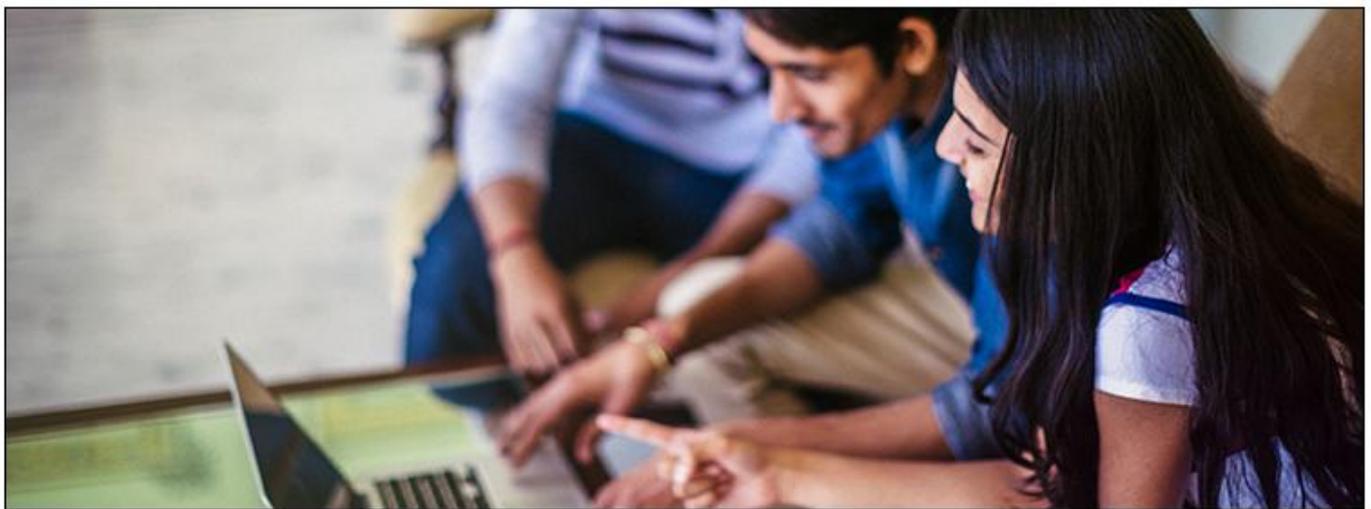
Tips for applying for all scholarships.

Here is an excellent article to read which gives you a sensible strategy when considering a scholarship.

Discuss these 5 steps in class.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/five-steps-to-apply-for-a-scholarship>

Five simple steps to apply for a scholarship



Tips to achieve a scholarship requiring evidence of community service and/or leadership.

There is no fast way to prepare for such scholarships. There are some very handy tips however that can give you a bit of an edge.

The first thing is do your homework and follow the 5 steps in the article above. Make sure you have researched the course you GENUINELY like. The people assessing your scholarship application are finely tuned to those students who are just seeking the money the scholarship has to offer who made the mistake mentioned above.

Secondly, you need to read the scholarship instructions very carefully. Collect all the questions they ask on the application form/website and consider what you could write and say on each one.

A great tip – A powerful question:

Can you in any way combine your interest in the course you like with some form of community service or leadership involvement? Those that will be assessing your application may be impressed with your level of commitment by doing this.

Here is an example of what a successful student did to answer this powerful question.

A student wished to enter a degree for studying Sport and Exercise Science. The University had a scholarship for this course worth \$30,000 if the student could demonstrate community service, leadership and interest in the course. Of course she did her homework on the degree and she knew she really liked it.

The student had a real concern regarding the troubling increase in adolescent obesity. She wanted to do something towards this huge health issue. During Year 11 she approached the local disability school for students with physical and mental disability and asked if she could volunteer on her sport afternoons to go to the disability school and assist on their sport day. She prepared fun sporting activities that improved their students' burning of calories and tracked the students' improvement.

The scholarship panel were extremely impressed with her genuine commitment towards her community service, how it related to her future degree and her role for future employment. She was awarded the \$30,000 scholarship.

Examples:

1. Imagine if there was a student who wanted to do a degree in website and graphic design. If this student belonged to a community group (for example: Church, sporting club, helped at a senior citizens organisation) or they knew someone who belonged to a community group, they could ask if they would like assistance in designing or maintaining their website.
2. Imagine a student wants to do a degree in finance. If this student belonged to a community group (for example: Church, sporting club, helped at a senior citizens organisation) or they knew someone who belonged to a community group, they could ask if their finance officer/accountant would like assistance for example in their yearly audit.
3. Imagine a student wants to do a degree in communication/journalism. If this student belonged to a community group (for example: Church, sporting club, helped at a senior citizens organisation) or they knew someone who belonged to a community group, they could ask if their weekly bulletin officer would like assistance for example in the preparation of articles for their bulletin, editing, typing and layout.

