

Gardiner Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Guidelines

Application forms can be downloaded from Gardiner Foundation's www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts and emailed to scholarships@gardinerfoundation.com.au

Applications **close at 5pm Monday, 25 November 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants are required to submit along with their application form:

- A copy of their most recent academic results transcript (for those who have studied in the last 3 years)
- An up-to-date resume
- A letter of support from an independent referee

Eligibility requirements

Successful scholars must be:

- Pursuing a career through their chosen course that will benefit the Victorian dairy industry and/or Victorian dairy communities.
- Commencing their first year of full-time tertiary study on campus in 2025 (University or TAFE).
- Required to move away from home to take up their chosen course.
- An Australian citizen.
- Currently residing in a Victorian dairy region.

Assessment Criteria

- Potential to make a positive contribution to the dairy industry or its rural communities.
- Personal development and community involvement.
- Academic commitment and achievement.

Selection Process

Applications will be shortlisted accordingly **by mid-December**.

Shortlisted applicants will need to supply their ATAR (VCE) score upon receipt (expected on 12 December 2024) and notification of university offer (first round available on 10 January 2025). Upon receipt of ATAR scores and university offers, shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview **mid-late January 2025**.

Interviews will be conducted by an independent panel. Candidates are required to provide evidence at their interview that they have been offered a place in a suitable tertiary course (If an applicant is awaiting a second-round offer, they must advise the panel at interview).

The interview panel will determine its preferred seven scholarship candidates and will recommend them to the Foundation. Interviewees will be advised of the outcome by the **first week of February 2025**.

Successful scholars will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement accepting the Terms and Conditions of the scholarship as detailed on page 2 below. At this time, they will also need to provide evidence of their enrolment.

Once the Foundation has received a scholar's signed Letter of Agreement and evidence of enrolment, the first payment will be made into the nominated bank account within 30 days.

Successful scholars will be invited to **attend a presentation lunch with their families in the last week of January 2025** where they will be presented with their scholarship certificate and meet other scholars.