

HELEN MACGREGOR TEACHERS HEALTH NATIONAL TERTIARY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP (NON- NSW)

Supporting future teachers from outside NSW to begin tertiary studies

Overview

The Helen MacGregor Teachers Health National Tertiary Teaching Scholarship, funded by Teachers Health, supports students from public schools outside New South Wales to begin tertiary studies in teaching.

The scholarship is named in honour of Helen MacGregor, who served as a Director of Teachers Health for over 21 years and as Chairperson for 19 years, and whose background includes a Diploma of Education and Master of Education.

Eligibility Check / Location or Cohort Basis

This scholarship is open to students who attended public school outside New South Wales.

Scholarship Value

Funding is awarded over three years at \$3,000 per year (a total of \$9,000)

Eligible Expenses

The scholarship provides financial assistance to support tertiary study-related expenses, including but not limited to:

- Tuition and course fees
- Textbooks and learning materials
- Laptop or device for study
- Internet access
- Travel and accommodation linked to study requirements

Both face-to-face and online courses (or blended programs) are eligible.

Basic Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be enrolled or planning to enrol full-time in a Bachelor's degree (Teaching) at an approved Australian public university
- Have attended a public secondary school outside NSW
- Have completed Year 12 in the relevant year
- Show evidence that current study, academic record or work experience aligns with an intended teaching career

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will assess:

- Academic achievement and engagement
- Motivation to complete tertiary studies in teaching
- Clear commitment to a future career in teaching
- Equity or financial disadvantage impacting education access
- Contribution to community, cultural or leadership activities



Selection Process

An independent PEF selection panel assesses applications. A representative of Teachers Health Group may also participate. The panel assesses applications between September and November, with the PEF Board approving the final list of scholars by the end of November. Applicants are notified in December.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via PEF-Apply. Sign up [here](#) to access the form.

Note: All sections of the application must be completed before submission.

Information required

Student and family information

- Contact information
- Proof of enrolment (or planned enrolment) — institution name, address, contact email
- Background information
- Family composition and household structure
- Employment status
- Education levels of immediate family
- Disability, learning difficulty or additional needs (if applicable)
- Socio-economic context
- How the applicant heard about the scholarship

Written components

- Why you are a suitable candidate (max. 400 words)
- How current study/work experience supports your goal to become a teacher
- Career motivation and commitment (max. 250 words)
- Perceived barriers to tertiary study
- Year 12 results or latest academic transcript (digital copy)
- Personal reference (PDF/Word, max. 400 words)
- Supporting statement from Principal or university course convenor/equity and diversity team member



Submitting Your Application

Applications open in June and close in September each year. Once offered the scholarship, the student must provide confirmed evidence of enrolment before payments can be made.

Further Information / Contact

For support or clarification, contact the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email scholarships@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.