

NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP (TERTIARY)

Supporting a refugee background student into TAFE study

Overview

The NSW Teachers Federation Refugee Scholarship (Tertiary), funded by the NSW Teachers Federation, supports a public high school student of refugee background to undertake study at TAFE. This is one of four scholarships funded annually by the Federation under its refugee scholarship program – three places support senior high school students, and one place supports a TAFE student.

Eligibility Check / Location or Cohort Basis

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

Scholarship Value

The scholarship is valued at \$4,500 total, paid across 3 years of TAFE study.

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 of refugee background
- Attend, or have attended, a NSW public high school
- Be commencing or undertaking study at TAFE

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will assess:

- Evidence of hardship that may otherwise prevent a successful transition to post-school study or training
- Evidence that current study, academic record or work experience is appropriate to the nominated TAFE course
- Positive attitude towards schooling and participation in school life
- Contribution to community and/or extracurricular activities

Selection Process

An independent PEF selection panel assesses applications. A representative of the NSW Teachers Federation 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) at TAFE
- Background information, including refugee status
- Family composition and household structure
- Employment status
- Education levels of immediate family
- Socio-economic context
- How the applicant heard about the scholarship

Written components

- Why you are a suitable candidate (max. 400 words)
- Perceived barriers to further study
- Academic transcript or Year 12 results (digital copy)
- Personal reference (PDF/Word, max. 400 words)
- Supporting statement from Principal

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.