

**YOUNG
CARERS**



Young Carer Scholarship Program 2026

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ABOUT

More than 62,400 young people in Victoria are believed to have significant care responsibilities.

They may support their mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent at home who have a disability, chronic illness, experience mental ill health or addiction or with aging care needs.

Many are at risk of dropping out of school or have difficulty maintaining social networks and participating in activities with their peers.

Carers Victoria's **Young Carer Scholarship Program** gives young carers attending secondary school the opportunity to be acknowledged for their contributions to their family and the community. It offers them the opportunities to:

- further education,
- join in school or community activities,
- further their creative or sporting passions.

Scholarships of up to \$500 are awarded to successful applicants.



WHO CAN APPLY

Young Carer Scholarships are open to secondary school students who live or go to school in Victoria and provide care and support to a family member with an illness or disability.

Please note the number of scholarships awarded is dependent on the amount of funding available.

Those who receive a 2026 Carers Australia Young Carer Bursary will not be eligible.

SPREAD THE WORD

You can promote the scholarship by word of mouth, online or displaying a poster at your school or workplace. We have included digital assets for you to use on your website, newsletters, emails and/or on social media, and a poster for you to print and display.



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Suggested social media post copy:

Do you know a young carer, or are you a young carer in secondary school?

Applications for the Carers Victoria Young Carer Scholarship program are now open.

With scholarships of up to \$500 available to the successful applicant, this could be a little something to brighten their and/or your day.

👉 Apply now <https://carersvictoria.org.au/information-and-impact/grants-and-scholarships/young-carer-scholarship/>

SPREAD THE WORD

Suggested email/newsletter copy

Title

Scholarships of up to \$500 available to Young Carers

Body text

Carers Victoria has launched their Young Carer Scholarship for 2026.

This scholarship gives young carers attending secondary school in Victoria the opportunity to be acknowledged for their contributions to their family and the community. The scholarships can be used for further education, joining in school or community activities or helping young carers to further their creative or sporting passions.

If you're a young carer or know a young carer, apply today!

For more information, go to:

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The Young Carer Scholarship Program gives young carers opportunities to grow outside of their caring roles. These grants can be used for further education, joining in school or community activities or helping young carers to further their creative or sporting passions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Secondary school students in Victoria who give care and support to a family member with a disability, mental illness, chronic health issue or an older person with care needs.

Please note all applicants must have the consent of a parent or guardian before submitting.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information or to apply for a Young Carer Scholarship, scan the QR code or visit:

www.carersvictoria.org.au/information-and-impact/grants-and-scholarships/young-carer-scholarship/



WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR?

Scholarships are up to \$500. Scholarships can be awarded for:

- school or community based classes/ activities, such as camps and excursions
- sporting club participation fees
- tutoring
- skills-based activities and lessons such as: dance, music, fitness or driving
- club memberships
- direct educational expenses such as compulsory fees, books and uniforms

"Being awarded the Young Carer Scholarship made me feel deeply appreciated and recognized for the efforts I put into balancing my caregiving responsibilities and education."

APPLICATIONS OPEN

FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Young Carer Scholarship Program

Phone 1800 514 845

Email grants@carersvictoria.org.au

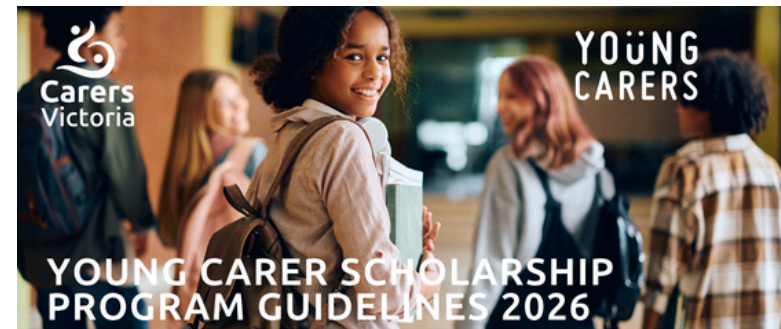
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Applications will be accepted from young people with caring responsibilities, who have consent of a parent or guardian. Applications will also be accepted from parents, teachers, friends or service providers on a young person's behalf and with their input.

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Caring can be a very positive experience; helping a young person to develop skills and build strong relationships. But it can also have some negative effects on a young person's health and wellbeing. Many young carers are at risk of lower educational outcomes, or have difficulty maintaining social networks and participating in activities with their peers.

Over the last 18 years the Young Carer Scholarship Program has provided support to over 2,400 young carers attending secondary school in Victoria.

The scholarships give young carers the opportunity to participate in school or community based activities that enhance their skills, educational achievement and abilities, or that help them to participate more fully in their community.

PRIORITY

Highest priority will be given to applications from young people who are:

- living in rural and regional areas.
- from First Nations background.
- from culturally and linguistically diverse background.
- impacted by natural disasters.

Previous scholarship recipient applications will be accepted but may be given a lower priority.

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FAQ

When does the application process open?

Application opens Friday 1 May 2026.

When does the application process close?

Application closes Sunday 31 May 2026.

When do successful applicants find out?

Notification of successful applicants and payment will be made by Friday 10 July 2026.

Who is funding the scholarship?

The Young Carer Scholarship program is administered and funded by Carers Victoria.

Can past Young Carer Scholarship recipients apply in 2026?

Yes, so long as they meet the eligibility criteria as found on page three.

Where can I find more information?

For more information visit

<https://carersvictoria.org.au/information-and-impact/grants-and-scholarships/young-carer-scholarship/>