



## How to Apply for Sydney Scholars Awards 2021

### Step 1 Research

The Sydney Scholars Awards offers opportunities for Year 12 students or equivalent, who are commencing their studies in 2021 to apply for scholarships ranging from \$6,000 (for Domestic<sup>^</sup> as well as International students completing high schools in Australia) up to \$10,000 (Domestic<sup>^</sup> students only) in value and awarded in duration from one year, up to the duration of their undergraduate degree, including combined undergraduate degrees. The scholarships will be offered to students who achieve a minimum ATAR of 95 or equivalent in conjunction with a personal statement. You need to have the University of Sydney listed as one of your preferences throughout the application period, i.e. from September 2020 to January 2021. Please note that if you do not include one of our courses in your preferences, we are unable to access your ATAR, and will not be able to offer you a scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants enrolled in any University of Sydney undergraduate degree.

<sup>^</sup> Domestic students – an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a permanent visa.

### Step 2 Get advice

It is important that you speak to your parents and school about your application and seek their advice. Let them know your scholarship choices and check if you have met the criteria. Seeking advice from your teachers and parents will also be beneficial in developing your personal statement. You have a team of people around you that know you well, so make the most of them.

### Step 3 Get involved

At The University of Sydney, we look for all-round students who demonstrate leadership skills and involvement in school, community and extracurricular activities. Keep track of your involvement and tell us what you have been up to as all activities are relevant. To complement the Sydney Scholars Awards you may also be considered for a range of faculty specific scholarships, many of which will also consider your leadership skills and extracurricular involvements. For more information please visit [here](#).

### Step 4 Additional considerations

If you would like to be considered on hardship grounds, or are applying for one of our equity scholarships, make sure you go online and do some research. To be considered, you need to submit a Sydney Scholars Award application to the University of Sydney, and submit an Equity Scholarship application through [UAC](#).

### Step 5 Personal Statement

It is important to provide a Personal Statement to support your application. Your Personal Statement is your introduction to the University, our opportunity to get to know you and an indication of your goals and achievements. It is a good idea to have your personal statement saved as a separate document that you can then copy and paste into the web form. There are six questions for the Personal Statement, please note each answer has a 1000 character limit.

1. Why are you applying for your chosen course?
2. Tell us about your academic achievements so far.
3. Tell us about your future goals.
4. Discuss any extra curricula, leadership, personal or community activities you are involved in and why?
5. How do these activities contribute to your current and future aspirations?
6. Anything else you would like to tell us?

### Step 6 Go for it

It is always a good idea to get started as soon as possible. Applications open in September 2020. Starting an application is easy, simply review the information in this document and begin planning what information you will need to provide by the closing date. You will only be able to submit the form when all fields are completed, so it is important to plan ahead. To complete the application, besides your personal and high school information, you will need the following before you start:

- UAC application number (apply first to UAC separately);
- NZ students applying directly to the University can use '123456789' as your UAC code;
- An email address that will be valid in 2021 (do not use your high school email address);
- The faculty of your first University of Sydney preference that you would like to apply for according to the UAC code;
- HSC trial results, if available;
- Most recent school report in PDF format, either Year 11 or 12, and/or other supporting document. Please note that only **one** file can be uploaded to your online application;
- Answers for the six questions of the Personal Statement.

Remember to submit an Equity Scholarship application through UAC if you have selected to be considered based on hardship grounds and/or for Accommodation scholarships.

\*If you are applying for a combined degree with Law, please select the faculty that you will be combining your Law degree with.

\*\* When completing the '**Subjects you are taking for NSW HSC, IB or equivalent**' section, if you are not completing the NSW HSC (e.g. **IB, interstate and New Zealand students**) you should fill out your subject information as fully as possible in the space provided. The University will take into account that you are studying an equivalent qualification which does not translate completely to the application form's fields. Please ensure you:

- Provide a list of the subjects you are completing which will count towards your final qualification
- Under 'Number of units' write 'NA' if this is not applicable to your qualification
- Under 'Trial results or equivalent' provide your most recent overall results for that subject. **If these are not available**, please provide your Year 11 results for that subject
- Provide your 'Position in year at trial' (**if available**)
- Attach your most recent school report when prompted in the next section of the application, ensuring this covers all the subjects you are completing which will count towards your qualification. If some of these subjects are not reflected because you have already completed them (e.g. in Year 11), then please provide multiple school reports combined into the same PDF document to ensure that all the subjects you are studying are reflected

### Step 7 Check

Make sure you proof read your application thoroughly. Have someone else read your personal statement. Check your spelling, grammar, and word counts, and ensure that you have provided documentation that supports your accomplishments. Becoming a university student is all about attention to detail, so start practicing these vital skills now.

### Step 8 Submit

Once you are ready, you can go ahead and submit your application. If you wish to revise your application, don't worry, you can! Just resubmit a revised application to us. No changes or applications can be submitted after the closing date. We will use your most recent application as your final submission. You will be sent a confirmation email once you have successfully submitted your application.

### Step 9 What is next?

You can now relax and start looking forward to your university adventure. We will keep you updated on the progress of your application so be sure to keep an eye on your email. Conditional offers will be sent to you via email by late November. If you meet the conditions of your conditional offer, we will send you a firm offer of scholarship when your ATAR result is available, normally on the same day when the ATAR is released.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at: [scholarships.office@sydney.edu.au](mailto:scholarships.office@sydney.edu.au)