



Whitehorse Education Assistance Grants

About Whitehorse Education Assistance Grants

Whitehorse Education Assistance Grants support families experiencing financial hardship and their young people (aged 10 – 25) to remain engaged in education and training. Under the model, community agencies and education / training providers apply for funding to reimburse expenses incurred to support a young person in education and training.

Funding packages of up to \$400 are available per calendar year to eligible students.

Eligibility

- Young people (aged 10-25) in primary or secondary school, further education, training or courses who live or study in Whitehorse.
- Young people/ their families must be experiencing financial hardship - evidenced by low-income health care card of parents or young person and to be verified by the applicant (education provider or community agency).
- Preference is given to students attending Government school. However, the model doesn't preclude students from fee paying schools.
- Maximum Grant of \$400 per student per calendar year
- Each applicant (education provider or community agency) to apply for a maximum of 2 applications per funding round. There are two funding rounds per calendar year.
- There are no other financial assistance schemes available to cover these expenses, such as the State Schools Relief Fund (available to eligible students within Victorian Government schools) or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (available to eligible students within both Victorian Government and non-government schools). Please see the hyperlinks below for more information:
 - [State Schools' Relief](#)
 - [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)

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Criteria to include by applicant (education provider or community agency):

- Eligibility requirements as outlined above are met.
- The benefit/s of funding and how it will assist the young person to remain engaged / complete their education, training or course.
- Confirm the young person's commitment to education, training or course.
- Supporting information from applicant (education provider or community agency).
- Community agency to confirm that education provider is aware of and endorses application.

Application process

- Applications are only to be received from the education provider or a community agency. Parents/carers or students are not able to apply directly.
- Whitehorse Education Assistant Grant rounds are to be held on a biannual basis.

Application process as follows:

- Education provider or community agency to complete and submit the attached application form by closing date.
- Whitehorse Education Assistance Grants panel assesses application and informs applicant of outcome.
- If approved, education provider or community agency to make payment for the item/s applied for.
- Whitehorse Youth Services to reimburse education provider or community agency on receipt of required paperwork.



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Items approved under the model

- Compulsory textbooks, materials, resources, equipment and uniforms not covered by other assistance/ schemes.
- School trips/ camps (assistance to remain engaged in education), not covered by other assistance/schemes.
- Fees for training and short courses (for example VCAL, Pre-Apprenticeships, VET Certificates, First Aid, Barista Course).
- IT equipment.

Items not approved under the model

- Education fees/ parent payments for mainstream primary and secondary schools.
- Private tuition.
- Out of school hours recreation activities.
- Travel assistance.
- Possible ongoing financial commitment for student / family (i.e. mobile phone, internet).
- Health related equipment: reading glasses, hearing aid.
- Child Care expenses.



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Applicant's Details	
Name	
Education provider or agency name	
Email address	
Phone Number	

Young Person's Details			
Name or Initials		Age	
Address			
Current education provider			

Please provide relevant background information:

Please describe the young person's current situation and commitment to education/ training:

Please outline any other relevant information:



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Please itemise each item being applied for and its cost:

Item	Cost

Please confirm the following compulsory criteria:

- The young person lives, studies or works in the City of Whitehorse
- I have sighted the health care card of the young person or their parent/s
- I have discussed this application with the young person and/or their family
- There are no other financial assistance / schemes available to cover these expenses, such as the State Schools Relief Fund (available to eligible students within Victorian Government schools) or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (available to eligible students within both Victorian Government and non-government schools).
- If community agency applying - I have discussed this application with the school or education / training provider and they endorse the application

Consent to Disclose			
<p>Regarding all the information provided in my application for a Whitehorse Education Assistance Grant (WEAG) I understand that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My personal identifying information and that of the young person in the application will not be given to anybody apart from Whitehorse Council Officers who review my application. Information about the outcomes of my involvement with WEAG may be used as a good example of success when WEAG is published or presented in public. However, other people will not know that I have participated in WEAG as my identity will be confidential. As the support worker completing this WEAG application I agree to submitting required finance forms and invoices by the due dates. <p>I hereby certify the above information to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge</p>			
Signature		Date	

Please email all applications to zoey.deane@whitehorse.vic.gov.au