

Care2Achieve

Scholarship for Young Women Leaving Care



everyone's family

Financial, practical and personal support for young women leaving state care who are planning to study at University or TAFE.

The *Care2Achieve* Scholarship is for young women transitioning out of State Care in Queensland and planning to undertake higher education studies (Certificate 3 or above at TAFE or University) within Queensland.

To be eligible for the *Care2Achieve* Scholarship you must be aged 17 – 21. This may include those finishing Year 12 in 2017, already studying at TAFE or University and seeking financial support, or planning on studying in 2018.

The value of the scholarship is **up to** \$3,500 per annum, depending on the institution and course type.

Features of the scholarship

A range of support is provided including:

- Financial assistance to cover educational expenses such as course fees, text books, computers, field trip costs, and student living and travel expenses
- Access to relevant information, advice and personal support provided by The Smith Family's Tertiary Coordinator
- Access to other programs to assist full participation in the student's chosen course of study
- Mentoring and coaching to help scholarship-holders establish career connections and networks

Application process

Applications must be received by the Tertiary Coordinator by the closing date of 1 September 2017. Applications are to include:

- A completed *Care2Achieve* Application Form
- For Year 12 School Leavers, a copy of your latest school report
- A completed *Care2Achieve* Reference Form from your guardian/caregiver, caseworker (eg: Child Safety Officer), or employer
- A completed *Care2Achieve* Reference Form from a teacher/tutor, student counsellor or year level coordinator or someone who can verify your commitment to study

The Application Form, Reference Forms and Student Information Booklet are available at thesmithfamily.com.au/care2achieve



Selection process

As there are a limited number of scholarships available (50) the selection process includes a face to face or telephone/skype interview to help The Smith Family assess the suitability of candidates.

Commencing studies

If your application is accepted, you will join the intake commencing at the beginning of 2018.

The scholarship continues for up to four years or until the completion of your chosen educational program.

Scholarship funds are paid in two instalments each year, at the beginning of Semester 1 and at the beginning of Semester 2.

Contact

Questions or need more information?

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Caitlin's story

Caitlin, 22, is a young woman who has been part of the care system and gone on to university. She says getting to university was a "big personal achievement".

"Young women need this support, one hundred per cent. They do not have the motivation or emotional support that other young people have when they are a family unit with parents."

"I haven't had any financial support throughout university. I've worked 30 hours a week while doing my degree. Having that kind of support would really make a difference to someone trying to complete their degree. I was lucky to have the support of my social workers to help me through but not everyone has that."



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About The Smith Family

The Smith Family believes circumstances should never limit the achievement of potential. Every young Australian, no matter their backgrounds, deserves a chance to achieve.

The Smith Family's *Care2Achieve* Scholarship supports young women leaving care to fully participate in their higher education studies.

These scholarships help students to stay engaged with their studies and successfully complete their higher education and training.

As part of the scholarship we help students gain an understanding of the career options available to them through connecting them to networks and people who can provide further tailored support.

For more information on The Smith Family visit thesmithfamily.com.au