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Curtin Scholarships

Make tomorrow better.
The John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship has been the defining force in my university experience. The number of doors it has opened for me in my first year alone has been phenomenal. I have had the chance to be involved with countless programs that not only help the community but that have allowed me to grow as much as a person. Community service, vision and leadership are allowed to flourish as the scholarship provides various opportunities for its recipients to embody these values and work in areas they are passionate about.

The scholarship has pushed me to strive for excellence in all that I do and spend time giving back to the community, while providing me with the opportunity to travel the world. The entire JCUS experience has been surreal; the value of the scholarship transcends all things material. I have met so many amazing, like-minded people and have made friends for life. My life would not be the same without it.

Radhika Kayarat, John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar

Depending on the degree, the scholarship’s value can range from approximately $24,000 to $44,000.

- Fees for a student in a Commonwealth Supported Place are paid in full for Australian citizens only. For New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents, 90 per cent of the fees are paid and the student will be required to pay the remaining 10 per cent.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

To be eligible for the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship, nominees must:

- be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, New Zealand citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa;
- be a future undergraduate student applying for a place at Curtin University to undertake their first undergraduate degree;
- choose a Curtin course as their first TISC Scholarship, nominees must:

- be a mature-age student, and be nominated by a professional educator who can verify their academic excellence.

**WHAT IS REQUIRED TO NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?**

The nomination needs to include:

- a completed John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship nomination form submitted by the due date;
- if the nominee is a school leaver, then evidence that they are expected to graduate in the top five per cent of their school’s graduating year;
- if the nominee is a mature-age student, then they must demonstrate their academic potential through their ATAR and academic achievements.
- responses from the nominee in the form of:
  - a typed statement describing their community service and leadership contribution to date and what the scholarship would mean to them in pursuing their chosen career;
  - a typed essay on the most important issue of concern to them in their community or in Australia, how it affects them and what needs to be done to resolve it.

John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars receive a high level of financial assistance for their university studies. More importantly, the scholarship provides a framework of mentoring and events, and an overseas student exchange experience that develops the personal qualities and self-confidence of our future leaders.

**Vision and leadership**

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**WHEN AND HOW WILL THE NOMINEES FIND OUT IF THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL?**

Short-listing of nominees occurs in October and November, and all nominees are notified, whether successful or not, after the final exam for the year.

Successful nominees are invited to a welcome day in early December where they will have the opportunity to meet other recipients and current John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars.

**As a John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar, students are expected to:**

- complete regular community service
- maintain satisfactory progress in their chosen course of study
- meet with the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars coordinator on a monthly basis
- travel overseas on a student exchange experience
- have many chances to meet regularly with the other John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars through various activities that may include an orientation camp, guest speaker functions and community projects. By the end of their time at university, scholars will have made some great friends and had many opportunities to meet and learn from industry and community leaders.

Curtin will help the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars develop new community links and interests and we encourage them to participate in our projects. They can visit a remote Indigenous community in Laverton, be a leader in the annual John Curtin Weekend activities, and participate in activities with Curtin Volunteers!