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Applications now open for Chances for Children scholarships

Mallee Family Care is delighted to announce that applications for scholarships through its philanthropic foundation, Chances for Children, are now open.

The Chances for Children foundation supports young people across the Mallee to pursue an education and chase their dreams, by providing financial assistance through an annual scholarship program.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year are available in three categories including:

- Tertiary Scholarships – for university, TAFE, and apprenticeship study support
- Non-Tertiary Scholarships – for pursuits in music, sport, leadership, or arts at state level or beyond
- Keeping Kids in Secondary School Scholarships – for students in Years 11 and 12

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet said Chances for Children was established 25 years ago on the premise that every young person should have the opportunity to reach their potential.

“Talent, passion and determination can be found in every corner of our community, but sometimes opportunity isn’t as evenly spread. No young person’s future should be limited because of financial hardship, where they live, or the challenges they face,” she said.

“Chances for Children is about breaking down those barriers so every young person can chase their dreams with confidence.”

More than 2,225 young people have received a Chances for Children scholarship, with many recipients describing the support as life changing.

Swan Hill student Gab Davis is currently studying a Diploma of Nursing through SuniTAFE, with the support of Chances for Children.

“Before receiving Chance support, I had to pick most weeks between paying for rent or fuel to get to TAFE. And it just made it hard to choose and it felt like the course wasn’t going to work,” Gab said.

The scholarship has given Gab peace of mind, knowing that her course fees are covered and she can focus on studying. She also has the confidence to continue her tertiary education after completing a two-year Diploma.

“I want to go on and do my bachelor and become a Registered Nurse. In the future, I’d like to work with children and maybe paediatrics or even the newborn ICU,” she said.

Young people from the Mildura Rural City, Swan Hill Rural City, Wentworth Shire, Balranald Shire, Gannawarra Shire, Buloke Shire, Broken Hill City, and Greater Wakool Ward local government areas are eligible to apply for Chances for Children scholarships.



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Ms Jayet encouraged young people, parents, carers, teachers, coaches and student support staff to find out more about the program.

“Scholarship applications for funding in the 2026 calendar year are open now. So, if you’re considering tertiary studies next year, now is the time to apply,” Ms Jayet said.

Applications close on Monday 20th October 2025.

For more information, eligibility criteria or to nominate someone for a Chances for Children scholarship please contact the team on 03 5023 5966, email chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au or visit chancesforchildren.com.au



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