**SUSILA DHARMA AUSTRALIA REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP**

**INFORMATION FORM 2024**

Susila Dharma Australia is committed to helping alleviate the barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers in the pursuit of higher level education and career development. This scholarship provides financial assistance for those enrolled to study in a tertiary institution on a full time basis.

No more than three (3) applicants will be selected to receive a scholarship. Each successful applicant will receive $3000.

BENEFITS

$3000 stipend paid in two parts in the academic year. The scholarship is for 1 year.

Successful applicants may elect whether to receive the $3000 as:

* two payments of $1500 (one in each semester);

OR

* one payment of $2000 (in Semester 1) and one payment of $1000 (in Semester 2).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must satisfy all of the following 3 criteria:

1. **Study and reside in Australia**
2. **Be from a refugee or asylum seeker background**  
   Evidenced by the recipient holding a current or past temporary or permanent visa for refugees or people seeking asylum.   
   The specific visa classes eligible will remain flexible as Government policy changes, and may include but are not limited to Temporary Protection Visa, Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV), Bridging Visa or a permanent humanitarian visa.
3. **Be enrolled to study at a tertiary institution**  
   The course must be: full time, and at least 1 year duration.   
   The scholarship will not be awarded to anyone with less than 1 year remaining in their degree

OBLIGATIONS AS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Recipients must

1. Maintain full-time enrolment and provide evidence of their ongoing enrolment each semester
2. Maintain a minimum of pass average and provide evidence of this to Susila Dharma Australia each semester
3. Agree to their academic progress being made known to the scholarship sponsors / donors if required

*Applicants should note: If receiving support from Centrelink, there is a cap on Scholarship payments. If receiving other Scholarship support please check the cap amount to ensure this does not adversely affect Centrelink payment.*

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**APPLICATION FORM 2024**

| **Application process**  Complete this form and return it along with a copy of your visa and any other required documents.    Return by email to: [**sd.chair@subud.org.au**](mailto:sd.chair@subud.org.au)  Applications open **Thursday 22nd February 2024**  Applications close **Friday 22nd March 2024**  You will be advised of the outcome by the end of April 2024.  The Scholarship Committee will decide on the recipient of the scholarship based on consideration of the information and supporting evidence in this application. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. Late applications will not be considered. The scholarship cannot be deferred. |
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM**

If you are under 18 years, complete this form with your parent/guardian or caregiver. Please either type the required sections or complete in black or blue pen. Include additional pages if you need extra space to answer any questions.

**CHECKLIST**

Before you submit your application, please ensure that you:

☐ Provide a valid email address - this is how you will be notified of the outcome of your application

☐ Complete each section of the application form

☐ Sign the declaration

☐ If you are aged under 18yo, has your parent/guardian also signed the declaration

☐ Attach a copy of your visa

☐ Attach a copy of your Australian citizenship certificate or permanent residency visa, if applicable

☐ Attach evidence of recent grades

☐ Attach evidence of your offer to study in a recognised tertiary institution

☐ Provided the referee form to your nominated referee (this should not be a family member)

If you have ticked all the above then your application is ready to submit.

| *Please note:*  **We will only accept complete applications.**  Applications that are incomplete will not be considered. Please ensure your application is complete before submitting. |
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| 1. **PERSONAL DETAILS** |
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| *Title* ☐Miss ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Mr  *Family name* Click or tap here to enter text.  *First name* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Gender:*  ☐ *Male* ☐*Female*  *Country of birth:* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Contact details**  *Telephone - Home* Click or tap here to enter text. *Mobile*  Click or tap here to enter text.  *Email*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Postal address**  *Street* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Suburb* Click or tap here to enter text.  *State* Click or tap here to enter text. *Postcode* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Residency status**  *Are you an Australian citizen?* ☐ Yes ☐ No  *Are you a Permanent Resident?* ☐ Yes ☐ No  *Which year did you arrive in Australia?*  Click or tap here to enter text.  ☐ *Please provide a copy of your citizenship certificate or permanent resident visa, if applicable.* |
| **Visa class**  ☐ *Please provide a copy of your current or past temporary or permanent visa for refugee or people seeking asylum.*  *Note: The specific visa classes eligible are flexible as Government policy changes, but your application will be considered as long as the visa is for persons from a refugee or asylum seeker background.*  *Visa classes may include: TPV (subclass 785), Bridging Visa, SHEV, permanent humanitarian visa.* |

| 1. **COURSE DETAILS** |
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| *Course name (e.g. certificate III in fitness)* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Institute (e.g. TAFE, University of Adelaide)* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Campus* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Total length of course (e.g. 1 year)* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Date you commenced this course or date of intended commencement:* (mm/yy) Click or tap here to enter text.  *Expected year of completion* Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| *Please outline your career goals and reasons why you have chosen this course.*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

| 1. **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND** |
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| *What level of secondary education have you achieved? (e.g. year 10, year 12)*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Please outline details of any prior post-secondary study that you have undertaken prior undertaking your chosen course (either overseas or in Australia).*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| ☐ Please attach evidence of grades from year 12 (or last year of secondary school completed), or any post-secondary study, and any other awards or certificates from achievements or activities. |

| 1. **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP** |
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| *Describe your financial need. Why are you seeking financial support?*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *How else will you support yourself financially during your studies?*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Detail how you would spend the scholarship funds, and how this will contribute to your education.*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

| 1. **PERSONAL STATEMENT** |
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| *Please write a 500 word statement to inform us of your personal story and how this scholarship will assist you achieve your career goals (attach an additional A4 page if required).*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

| 1. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** |
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| *How did you find out about this scholarship?*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Are you currently linked in with any support services (e.g. Australian Refugee Association). Please describe what support you receive.*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

| 1. **REFEREE DETAILS** |
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| ☐ *Please send the additional Referee Report to your chosen referee (not a family member).* |

| 1. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** |
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| 1. *The scholarship recipient has the following obligations, and failing to do so may result in Susila Dharma Australia cancelling the scholarship:*     1. *Maintain full-time enrolment and provide evidence of their ongoing enrolment each semester*    2. *Maintain a minimum of pass average and provide evidence of this to Susila Dharma Australia each semester* 2. *The scholarship may be cancelled by Susila Dharma Australia where a student experiences a change in circumstances, including:*    1. *Deferring studies*    2. *Incompletion of the course of study*    3. *Unsatisfactory academic progress*    4. *Ceasing to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship* 3. *The scholarship may be cancelled and any funds paid to be refunded in full if the recipient has been found to have provided false or misleading information during or subsequent to the application process.* 4. *The scholarship is for 1 year only.* 5. *Acceptance of the scholarship cannot be deferred. If a student declines the scholarship offer, the scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.* 6. *Recipients consent to the periodic assessment of their chosen study, for the purpose of ensuring they continue to be eligible for the scholarship and to inform donors of their progress.* 7. *Recipients consent to personal information (excluding contact details) to be disclosed for publicity purposes.* |

| 1. **DECLARATION** |
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| *I declare that the information provided by me on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*  *I understand that if I am awarded and accept the scholarship, I will be obliged to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.*  *I understand that information I have supplied on this application form and supporting documents will be disclosed for the purpose of the selection process, and to third parties such as donors of the scholarship.*  *I understand that the decision of the Selection Committee about the award of any scholarship is final and that there is no right of appeal*.  *Applicant’s name* Click or tap here to enter text.  *Applicant’s signature* *Date (dd/mm/yyyy)* Click or tap here to enter text.  *If under 18 years:*  *Parent / Guardian name (if applicant under 18 years)*  Click or tap here to enter text.  *Signature Date (dd/mm/yyyy)* Click or tap here to enter text. |