



## Applications for Tertiary Bursaries NOW OPEN to Year 12 Fortians 2024

Apply online via the [FSHS Website](#) or click on this [link](#). For further information, please read the information available for each bursary on the relevant pages and [Bursary Terms and Conditions](#).

**The Ashford Sister's** Tertiary Bursaries seek to support motivated individuals with demonstrated merit, who are facing hardship, to realise their career goals and contribute to a better and brighter Australia.

The bursaries provide financial assistance to Fortians in Year 12 who intend to continue studying either at University, Private Institution or TAFE after finishing their Higher School Certificate. The bursaries assist with the transition into and progress through post-school education e.g. University bachelor degree, Private Institution bachelor degree, TAFE accredited apprenticeship or a TAFE Advanced Diploma.

### About the Bursary

Each bursary offered consists of an annual payment of **up to \$3,000** provided at the commencement of each academic year, **up to a maximum of 3 years**. For students relocating from Sydney, an additional one-off payment of up to \$2,000 *may* be provided to assist with initial relocation expenses. ***The value of the bursary offered to successful students will be based on their personal circumstances and choice of post-school education.***

The bursary is intended to cover educational expenses such as:

- Course fees
- Necessary equipment
- Stationery and books
- Laptop
- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring

At the end of each academic year, the student will be required to submit to the Fort Street Foundation evidence of their successful progression through their study in the form of an academic transcript. If a student is not progressing satisfactorily through their study, the Fort Street Foundation reserves the right to terminate the bursary.

If a student discontinues their tertiary or TAFE education, the bursary will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the bursary period must be refunded to the Fort Street Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this bursary, please ensure that you read the [bursary terms and conditions](#) available on the [Fort Street High School website](#).



## Basic Eligibility

- Attended Fort Street High School 2024
- Currently in Year 12
- Commitment to studying a tertiary or TAFE course as a full-time student in 2025

## Selection Criteria

Successful applications should meet the following criteria:

- Evidence that current study, academic records or work experience is appropriate to the nominated tertiary study or training
- Determination to complete the nominated study or training
- Experiencing equity hardship(s) that may prevent them from otherwise successfully transitioning to post-school study or training
- Commitment to the core values in NSW Public Schools; respect, fairness and democracy. Positive attitude towards schooling
- Participation in school life
- Contributes to the community and/or in extracurricular activities

## Selection Process

A selection panel will review all bursary applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Fort Street Foundation and a representative from Fort Street High School. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicants for the approval of the Fort Street Foundation's Board.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome in January or February 2025.

## How To Apply

To apply for the Ashford Sister's Bursary, complete this application [form](#). This form can also be accessed via the [Fort Street High School's website](#).

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
  - full name
  - date of birth
  - phone number
  - address
  - email (***please ensure you nominate a non-DoE email account you regularly access***)



- Parent/guardian details (at least one):
- Basic information about you/your family:
  - who is the primary caregiver at home
  - highest education qualification of your immediate family
  - if you are from a Non-English-Speaking Background
  - country of origin of your parents and yourself
  - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
  - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
  - if you have a disability
  - whether you have been in out-of-home care
  - socio-economic background
  - how you found out about the bursary
- Your University/TAFE course preferences including name of institution, name of degree/course and course fees (you *must* submit at least one preference, but you can enter up to three).
- A statement outlining why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship and **how you meet each of the selection criteria**. (maximum 400 words)
- A brief outline of how your current studies (including subject selection) and work experience support your planned University/TAFE studies.
- A brief explanation regarding the barriers you see for your future studies
- A copy of your most recent school report ready to upload (PDF or word format) • A personal reference (PDF or word format, maximum 400 words)
- A supporting statement from a member of the Fort Street High School staff which addresses the selection criteria (the staff member must complete the **online teacher** supporting statement. This can also be found on the school website.

**Note for FSHS staff members: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form, and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school.**

### Submitting Your Application

Once you have finalised your online application you will also need to submit via email to the school [fortstreet-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fortstreet-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or deliver to reception addressed to The School Principal or The Fort Street Foundation:

- a supporting statement from a FSHS teacher (download the Teacher Supporting Statement PDF from the school website or the teacher can complete this [form online](#))
- an independent supporting statement (download PDF from website)
- a parent guardian consent form (download PDF from website)

Applications need to be submitted by December 13, 2024.