

Cubico Education Scholarship Guidelines

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1. Introduction

At Cubico, we believe that education changes lives and that strong communities grow when people have the opportunity to learn, train and thrive.

That's why we've developed the Cubico Education Fund Scholarship, a program designed to support regional students of all ages in reaching their education and training goals.

Whether you're finishing high school, enrolling in TAFE, starting university, or developing new skills through a registered training provider, this fund is here to help.

Applications are welcome from people of any age and for any level of education including secondary school, tertiary study or upskilling. Scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility and selection criteria as outlined below.

We recognise that course fees, textbooks, laptops, excursions and uniforms can create financial barriers to education. The Cubico Education Fund Scholarship is designed to help reduce these costs and support access to learning and development opportunities.

Each year, \$50,000 will be available in scholarships to support education access and participation. The maximum single scholarship available is \$8,000.00.

This document outlines the guidelines for applying for a scholarship.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Be commencing or continuing their studies within 12 months of receiving a scholarship award.
- Have a permanent address in a location relevant to one of Cubico's renewable energy asset or development projects, or have relocated from within this area to undertake studies.

At present, eligible locations include the following sites (noting the list of eligible locations is expected to increase as future renewable energy projects progress into development):

- Middle Creek Energy Hub (QLD)

- Marmadua Energy Park (QLD)
- Curyo Wind Farm (VIC)

Individuals may only submit one scholarship application per funding round. Cubico will assess each application as part of the relevant funding round.

Parents or guardians may submit multiple applications provided each application is for a different student.

Applicants are welcome to reapply in future funding rounds if unsuccessful. Successful applicants must wait three years before reapplying.

Eligible courses must:

- Be provided by an eligible education provider including either:
 - A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) registered with the Australian Skills Quality authority (ASQA) (check at <https://training.gov.au/>)
 - A higher education provider registered with the Tertiary Education quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) (check at <https://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>)
 - An Australian primary or secondary school.
- Be undertaken in Australia either through remote or face-to-face learning with the exception of student exchange programs.
- Be undertaken full-time or part-time.

Funding may also be used for items that support access to or participation in education.

Examples include:

- Laptops or other devices
- Textbooks and stationery
- Branded school uniforms
- School fees or excursions

3. Selection Criteria

Selection is based on merit or financial need and aims to improve regional students' ability to access quality education, particularly those who face barriers to education or are experiencing disadvantage.

Applicants must:

1. Submit a brief personal statement (choose ONE, maximum 300 words) outlining: Your education or training plan for the next 12 months and how the Cubico Education scholarship will support it.

2. Provide ONE document as evidence of a permanent address located near a Cubico project. The address is expected to be in the same local government area(s) as a Cubico renewable energy project. Examples of acceptable documentation which must show the address: Australia drivers licence, utility/rates bill or bank statement.

- Curyo Wind Farm: **Buloke Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council**
- Marmadua Energy Park: **Western Downs Regional Council**
- Middle Creek Energy Hub: **Western Downs Regional Council**

3. Provide one form of supporting evidence (choose ONE):

- Statement of financial need or barrier to accessing education (caring responsibilities, housing stress, significant travel burden, employment disruption, first in family)
- Academic (e.g. report, transcript, RTO results, certificates)
- Leadership (e.g. volunteering, community contribution, work experience)
- Achievement (e.g. sporting, cultural, technical, business/entrepreneurial, or a portfolio)
- Short letter of support from referee or educator.

4. Participation, Reporting and Payment Criteria

Scholarship payments will be made within eight weeks of signing the Scholarship Agreement. Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence (receipts and/or invoices) of how the funds were used.

Scholarships may be deferred, depending on circumstances. Requests for deferral will be assessed by the Assessment Panel, as required.

5. When and How to Apply

Cubico will advertise the Education Fund Scholarship program via project websites, project e-newsletters and through local Councils or media.

Applications for Cubico Education Scholarships will be accepted while the SmartyGrants portal is opened.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within two months of submitting a completed application.

6. Assessment of Applications

The Education Fund Scholarship assessment committee will evaluate all applications and determine how best to distribute funds. The Committee consists of a panel of Cubico Sustainable Investments staff.

The assessment process is as follows:

1. Applications are received, recorded and acknowledged.
2. Applications are reviewed to confirm they meet the eligibility criteria and are shortlisted for assessment. Applications that do not meet the criteria will be notified as soon as possible.
3. Applications meeting the eligibility criteria are forwarded to the Committee for formal assessment.
4. Committee members will be given a reasonable period to review applications.
5. Applications will be assessed against the selection criteria.
6. The committee will recommend successful scholarship applications and the level of funding for endorsement.
7. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email or phone.
8. Successful applicants will be sent a letter of offer and a Funding Agreement outlining the approved funding amount and grant terms and conditions.
9. Once the Funding Agreement is signed and returned, along with banking details, the approved funding will be transferred via EFT within eight weeks. Unallocated funds may be rolled over to future rounds or be allocated to community initiatives or emergency relief efforts, at Cubico's discretion.
10. Scholarship recipients may be required to provide evidence of enrolment and receipts or invoices showing how the scholarship funds were used.

7. Evaluation

An annual review of the scholarship program will be undertaken by Cubico. Successful applicants may be asked to participate in evaluation of the program.

Following evaluation and feedback, aspects of the program may be updated or refined.

8. Privacy

Please refer to the [Cubico Privacy Policy](#) available at on the website or by request.

9. Promotion

Successful applicants consent to Cubico requesting images and/or text for use in Cubico promotional materials such as newsletters, websites, media releases and social media.

Scholarship recipients are not considered project supporters. Applicants retain the right to hold independent views on Cubico's renewable energy projects.

10. Contact

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