

Teachers Health Tertiary Teaching Scholarship (QLD)

Supporting Queensland public school students to pursue tertiary teaching studies

The [Teachers Health](#) Tertiary Teaching Scholarship (QLD) is open to Year 12 (2025)/current first year students, who attended public high schools in Queensland and have commenced tertiary study in teaching or education in 2026. The scholarship aims to support high-potential students facing hardship to successfully transition into teacher-training pathways at a public university or TAFE.



We're for teachers

Scholarships assist students transitioning into full-time study after Year 12 in 2025. Eligible pathways include bachelor's degrees (teaching/education), teaching-related diplomas or equivalent TAFE qualifications that support future entry into an Initial Teacher Education program.

Funding may be awarded over **three years at \$3,000 per year** (a total of \$9,000). A one-off relocation payment *may* be available where applicable. Final scholarship value depends on individual circumstances and course pathway.

What the Scholarship Covers

Scholarship funds may be used for tertiary study needs including:

- Course fees
- Required equipment
- Stationery and textbooks
- Laptop or device for study
- Software or online course subscriptions
- Travel or accommodation linked to tertiary study
- Tutoring or academic support (online or in-person)

Recipients must submit an academic transcript each year to confirm satisfactory progress. PEF reserves the right to withdraw scholarships for unsatisfactory academic progression or if the student discontinues their course. Any unused funds must be returned.

Applicants must read the full [scholarship terms and conditions](#) before applying.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have attended a Queensland public high school
- Be currently enrolled full-time in a tertiary teaching or education course at a public university or TAFE
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident – students without citizenship or permanent residency may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Be experiencing hardship that may otherwise prevent successful transition to post-school study or training
- Have demonstrated a positive attitude towards schooling, participation in school life, and contribution to community or extracurricular activities

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will assess:

- Academic achievement and study relevance for teaching pathways
- Motivation to complete tertiary teaching study
- Clear commitment to a future career in education
- Equity or financial disadvantage impacting education access
- Positive school engagement and attendance (Year 12, 2025)
- Participation in school and extracurricular activities (Year 12, 2025)
- Contribution to community, cultural or leadership activities

Selection Process

A selection panel comprising PEF staff, funding partner representatives, and independent experts will assess all eligible applications. Recommendations will be submitted to PEF's Board for approval.

Applicants will be notified by the end of Semester 1, 2026.

Enrolment Requirements

Once offered the scholarship, the student must provide confirmed evidence of enrolment in a public university or TAFE course before payments can be made.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via [PEF-Apply](#). Sign up [here](#) to access the form.

Note: All sections of the application, including the Principal's Supporting Statement, must be completed before submission.

Information Required

Student and family information:

- Full name, date of birth, contact details, address, citizenship
- Parent/guardian information (name, contact, relationship)
- School information (school name, address, principal email)
- School point of contact (name, phone, email)
- Background Information
- Languages spoken at home
- Family composition and household structure
- Employment status
- Education levels of immediate family
- Disability, learning difficulty or additional needs (if applicable)
- Socio-economic context
- How the applicant heard about the scholarship
- Any other relevant information

Written components:

- Why you are a suitable candidate (max. 400 words)
- How current study/work experience supports your goal to become a teacher
- Career motivation and commitment (max. 250 words)
- Perceived barriers to tertiary study
- Latest school report (digital copy)
- Personal reference (PDF/Word, max. 400 words)
- Principal's supporting statement (submitted online via system-generated email) or supporting statement from university course convenor/equity and diversity team member or equivalent

Notes for References

1. Personal references must be specific and supportive. Generic references may disadvantage applicants
2. Principal/university statements must provide individualised commentary; generic responses may disadvantage applicants

Contact Information

For support or clarification, contact the Public Education Foundation on (02) 7814 2806 or email scholarships@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.