PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Teachers Health Tertiary Teaching Scholarship (QLD)

Supporting Queensland public school students to pursue tertiary teaching studies

About the scholarship

The Teachers Health Tertiary Teaching Scholarship (QLD) is open to students in Queensland. To be eligible for this scholarship a scholar must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree (Teaching) in 2026 and have completed Year 12 in a public school in Queensland in 2025. The scholarship aims to support high-potential students facing hardship.

Funding may be awarded over **three years at $3,000 per year** (a total of $9,000).

What does the scholarship provide?

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 course at a public university
- 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
- Have demonstrated a positive contribution to community or extracurricular activities

Selection criteria

The selection panel will assess:

- Academic achievement and engagement
- Motivation to complete tertiary teaching studies
- Clear commitment to a future career in education
- Equity or financial disadvantage impacting education access
- 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 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 must be completed before submission.

Information required

Student and family information:

- Contact information
- Proof of enrolment (university name, address, contact 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
- QCE or latest academic transcript (digital copy)
- Personal reference (PDF/Word, max. 400 words)
- 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. 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.