

Capital Chemist College Scholarships

The Capital Chemist College Scholarships are for ACT public school students who will be in their final year of secondary education in 2027.

Each of the ACT's nine secondary colleges and two specialist schools will be awarded up to three scholarships, including an Academic Excellence Scholarship, a Citizenship Scholarship and a Capital Chemist Scholarship to be offered to a student with a particular need.

Each scholar will receive \$1000 to be used for their direct educational benefit during their final year of schooling. Funds are to be administered by the student's School Principal, on the scholar's behalf.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Laptop, iPad or similar device
- Subject or study related software
- Stationery and books
- Uniforms and equipment
- Excursions and camps
- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring

If a student leaves public school before the end of Year 12, the scholarship will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the [scholarship terms and conditions available on our website](#).

Basic Eligibility

- Attends one of the following ACT secondary colleges; Canberra College, Dickson College, Erindale College, Gungahlin College, Hawker College, Lake Tuggeranong College, University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Melba Copland Secondary College, Narrabundah College, The Woden School and Black Mountain School.
- Currently in Year 11 (in 2027)
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

Selection Criteria

- Has made good academic progress within their abilities while at school
- Has a positive attitude towards school

- Articulates an intention to complete their secondary studies and continue on to tertiary/vocational education or workplace training
- Participates in school life, community and/or extra-curricular activities

Selection Process

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation and Capital Chemist College Scholarships Committee.

After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicants for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board. The successful applicant will be notified in December 2026.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school will receive a notification.

How To Apply

All applications for the Capital Chemist College Scholarship must be submitted via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a [PEF-Apply](#) account to access the form.

Note – ALL sections of the application, INCLUDING the Principals endorsement must be completed before the application can be submitted.

Applicants may apply for one of the following Scholarships:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship** – the student demonstrates an outstanding record of achievement in schooling or has shown particular improvement or commitment to their studies.
- **Citizenship Scholarship** – the student demonstrates a strong record of participation in community activities at school or in the community.
- **Capital Chemist Scholarship** – the student demonstrates potential or ability in a particular area or skill which the school supports or wants to foster

Please ensure that you indicate which scholarship you are applying for on your Application Form.

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

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email (***please ensure you nominate an email account you regularly access***)
- Residence status

- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two)
 - name
 - phone number
 - relationship to student
 - email (***please ensure you nominate an email account you regularly access***)
- School details:
 - name of school
 - School Point of Contact
 - Phone number
 - email
- Which of the three scholarship categories you are applying for
- 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 your plans after you have completed your Year 12 studies (maximum 150 words)
- Tell us what you would like to be doing/where you see yourself in 10 years (maximum 150 words)
- A copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- Endorsement and brief citation from the Principal (the nominator must initiate a request ***via the online application*** to the Principal. This will result in an email being sent to the Principal requesting them to endorse the nomination and provide a short citation regarding the nominee). ***This endorsement must be completed by your Principal before the application can be submitted.***

Note for Principals: The citation requested is for use at the Capital Chemist Awards event, during the student award presentation.

Submitting Your Application

Once you have finalised your application and all elements are complete, you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 25 September 2026**.

For Further Information

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email us at scholarships@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au