

THE HON. DAVID HARRIS MP MEMBER FOR WYONG

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are open for the NSW Government's Youth Development Scholarship program, offering 1500 high school and tertiary students living in social housing \$1000 grants to help cover their education expenses.

Now in its tenth year, the program reflects the Minns Labor Government's commitment to supporting the academic and career aspirations of young people living across public, community or Aboriginal housing.

Since 2017, the Youth Development Scholarship program has invested more than \$13 million to support over 5,700 students, easing the costs associated with education and helping young people to thrive in school, complete their studies and move confidently into the workforce.

The grants are available to Central Coast high school students in years 10 to 12, students at TAFE NSW or university, as well as those completing an apprenticeship or traineeship.

David Harris Member for Wyong said, "This program is an opportunity for young people in social housing to receive the support they need to stay engaged in education and to reach their potential to build a better future."

This year, 1,500 scholarships are on offer and will be awarded to 1,000 new students and 500 returning students.

To be eligible, applicants must be either:

- Receiving a private rental subsidy from the Department of Communities and Justice.
- Living in community housing/Aboriginal community housing
- Living in housing provided by a Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Living in supported, crisis or temporary accommodation
- Living in statutory, supported, or voluntary out-of-home care.

Mr Harris said, "The \$1000 grants can be used to fund study-related expenses such as laptops, textbooks, and internet access."

The Minns Labor Government is building a fairer New South Wales where young people from all backgrounds have access to education and the resources they need to succeed.

Applications for high school students will close at 5pm on Friday, 13th February 2026.

Applications for tertiary students will close at 5pm on Friday, 6th March 2026.

More information on how to apply can be found at: <https://dcjnsw.info/scholarships>

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