

Study Assist Guidelines

About the David William Fund Study Assist

The David Williams Fund provides financial support to eligible Certificate / diploma / undergraduate / students to assist with the costs associated with higher education.

The mission of the David Williams Fund Study assist is to embrace positive change in the lives of PLWHA by assisting them with funding to take up further education, empowering PLWHA by giving them the skills, confidence, tools, stimulation and sense of achievement through education.

As the DWF has limited funds, applicants must apply for existing scholarships in the first instance. Existing scholarships include commonwealth or institutional scholarships. The DWF coordinator can steer potential PLWHA in the right area as to find what scholarships are available.

David Williams Fund Education Costs

The David Williams Fund study assist will provide students with up to \$3,000 per year (full time) for up to four years to assist with education expenses. Amounts will vary depending on TAFE / University / full-time or part-time costs and funds available. To be eligible, students must be a David Williams fund member and fit the application criteria to be funded.

Eligibility: David Williams study assist

Applicants for the David Williams Fund study assist must meet the following general requirements:

- Be HIV positive and provide verification of his / her health status from a doctor
- Be or become a member of the DWF
- Must be a current holder of a Health Care card / Centrelink recipient
- Fill in the DWF Study assist application form
- Demonstrate how study will be beneficial to them
- Have applied for existing scholarships where applicable
- Provide proof of enrolment and proof of all costs associated - invoices
- Be eligible for an offer of an undergraduate / TAFE course of study at a university / TAFE
- Evidence from the educational institution to show it is accredited if a private institution.
- Enrol as a full-time or part time student in Victoria.
- Provide a supporting statement as to why they would like to undertake that particular course
- Not already have completed the requirements of a course of study regarded to be equivalent or higher than an Australian Bachelors award unless it is a prerequisite to the course for which an application is made.
- It is the applicants responsibility to research the course they wish to apply for

Note: Performance and personal circumstances are to be taken into consideration when reviewing and renewing the award each year.

Acceptance of funds through the DWF study assist

- The DWF will contact you by letter letting you know if your funding was approved before your course begins
- All cheques will be made out directly to the university / institute
- You must provide a copy of the enrolment form from the education institution before they can pick up the cheque.

Conditions of the DWF Study Assist

- Attendance records to be provided each semester where applicable
- Receipts for costs to be given to the fund
- A brief report how the fund has assisted you throughout your studying
- In the event that a student fails to supply personal information relevant to assessing ongoing eligibility, their continuing funding will be suspended.

Please note:

DWF study assist

- Does not count as income for any social security income tests
- Will be allocated to eligible potential students on a competitive basis
- Do not need to be repaid by the student

About other scholarships

Applicants may also be eligible to apply for the following scholarships:

- **Commonwealth Scholarships**
- **Institutional scholarships**
- **Accommodation scholarships are also available**

Note: Applications for scholarships offered at other institutions must be made directly to the institutions. For more information about scholarships at other institutions, please contact the institution or see their website.
