



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for an IH Award?

IH scholarships, bursaries and prizes are not just awarded to high achievers. The opportunity is there for all continuing and commencing residents to apply.

Specifically, if you have:

- demonstrated need for financial assistance to attend university and college
- a history of involvement within your school or local community
- demonstrable leadership qualities
- relocated or plan to relocate from a rural or remote area to study
- previous high academic achievement
- physical or learning disability
- special family circumstances or are first in family to attend university
- Australian Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander heritage

What is the difference between a scholarship, bursary & prize?

While many organisations have their own way to define scholarships, bursaries and prizes, at IH, this is what we mean when we say:

Scholarship

- Full year or longer
- Two stipend payments
- Values \$1,001 or greater
- Selection panel interview process
- Competitive process
- Broad themes of criteria

Bursary

- One semester award
- One stipend payment
- Values \$501 - \$1,000
- Specific criteria – ranking and rating
- No selection interview
- Selection panel process

Prize

- Immediate payment – voucher, cash or cash
- Evaluation of application against specific narrow criteria
- Competitive process
- Ranking and rating to award “top” applicant through elimination



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What do you mean by 'Award'?

For the International House Award Program, the term '**Award**' refers to any scholarship, bursary or prize offered in general terms. In regards to process and presentation, '**Award**' can be used interchangeably with scholarship, bursary or prize when speaking about the program collectively.

What are eligibility criteria?

The requirements a resident needs to meet in order to apply. For example, 'must be a continuing resident at International House'.

What are selection criteria?

The basic criteria for evaluating applications. The criteria that help the panel rank and determine outcomes clearly. These may vary for different awards. For example 'provide evidence of contribution to college life'.

What documents do I need to provide?

Each Award has different application requirements. Please read requirements carefully and ensure you have provided all of the evidence needed to support your application. See 'Proof of Financial Hardship'. See 'Proof of Aboriginality'.

Can I apply for more than one Award?

You are welcome to apply for as many IH Awards for which you meet the criteria.

You will need to complete a separate application form for each one.

I am an international student, can I apply?

Yes, international students may apply for any of the IH Awards they meet the eligibility criteria for.

What is the closing date for applications?

All IH Scholarship Applications must be received by

5.00pm last Friday in January



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How will IH let me know if I am successful?

All applicants will be notified of their outcomes by

5:00pm first Friday in March

What if I am successful?

If you are successful in your application – congratulations! You will need to then accept the **Terms of Agreement** and return to the administration desk no later than the **last Friday** before the Award Ceremony. International House would like to see our successful applicants show their gratitude towards the donors (if applicable) and show graciousness in receipt of an Award, knowing that other applicants were not so fortunate.

What if I am not successful?

If you were not successful in your application please do not take this as a personal failing. Many deserving people apply for scholarships and all applications are reviewed with great care and deliberation. We wish we could provide awards for everyone, but sadly our funding limitations prevent this. You may be eligible to apply in the next Award offers.

***Please note,** no correspondence will be entered into by IH between any unsuccessful parties (or families) if an applicant is not satisfied with the application outcome. All matters concerning the selection process remain strictly confidential.*

Are there any expectations from an Award recipient?

Yes! Receipt of an IH Award comes with certain responsibilities and opportunities. We hope you look forward to accepting these as part of your Award. For a full disclosure of these, please read the **Terms of Agreement**.

How will I get paid?

Most IH scholarships and bursaries are received as a reduction of IH residential college fees. Some prizes are awarded in cash, gift cards or gifts. There are no direct transfers into private bank accounts. All IH Awards in the IH Award Program are non-repayable gifts to the awardees.