

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR THE HUGO MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **1. About the Country Universities Centre Southern Shoalhaven (CUCSS) Hugo Murray Scholarships (HMS)**

Established in loving memory of their son Hugo, a CUCSS student, this scholarship has been made possible through a financial gift from the Murray family.

CUCSS mature age (25+ years of age) students are invited to apply for scholarships of \$4,000 each to cover eligible expenses to support their studies. A maximum of 5 scholarships will be awarded in 2026.

The HMS is intended to empower eligible students to manage the cost of studying in the 2026 academic year.

The scholarships are intended to fund essential education-related expenses, supporting your ability to commence, continue, and complete your studies.

### **2. Who Can Apply**

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled in an accredited university, enabling program, or approved tertiary pathway
- Registered with CUC Southern Shoalhaven for the 2026 academic year.
- A mature age student of 25 years or older on 30 April 2026.
- Enrolled for a study load of at least 50% and be intending to study for the duration of the 2026 academic year.

Applicants must also meet some of the following eligibility criteria

- a. Financial Circumstances/Hardship
- b. Educational Circumstance/Disruption
- c. Living full-time in Regional, Rural and Remote Areas
- d. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student
- e. Student living with a disability
- f. First-in-family to attend university

### **3. What the Scholarship Can Be Used For**

The HMS is to be used for essential study-related costs including:

- Tuition and mandatory fees

- Textbooks and study materials
- Laptop, software, or study equipment
- Accommodation and utilities
- Transport related to study or placements
- Course-related PPE, uniforms, tools, or equipment
- Other expenses that directly enable study (as approved by CUCSS)

Scholarships cannot be used for:

- Entertainment, leisure, or alcohol
- Personal travel unrelated to study
- General grooming or lifestyle expenses

#### **4. How Funds Are Paid**

Scholarships are **not paid as cash**. Instead:

- Students are reimbursed for approved expenses, and/or
- CUCSS HMS may pay suppliers directly

Receipts or tax invoices are required for all claims.

#### **5. How to Apply**

1. Complete the CUCSS HMS Scholarship Application Form.
2. Attach all required supporting documents.
3. Submit your application by the advertised closing date: **midnight on 19 April 2026**
4. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

#### **6. What Supporting Documents Are Required**

- Proof of identity and age
- Proof of meeting Course Requirements

## 7. How Applications Are Assessed

This scholarship is open to applicants who demonstrate **some** of the following circumstances. We recognise that no single factor tells the whole story. Applicants are encouraged to describe their situation and how this scholarship will assist them in their study journey in their own words.

Applications are assessed on:

- Financial circumstance/hardship
- Educational circumstance/disruption
- Study goals and aspirations
- Likely impact of the scholarship

Applicants may be invited to attend an interview

## 8. Outcomes

- All applicants will be notified in writing on or before 30 April 2026.

## 9. Recipient Responsibilities

To receive the scholarship funds, you must:

- Be enrolled and registered with CUCSS
- Have ongoing proof of completion of course requirements
- Use funds only for approved education-enabling expenses
- Notify CUCSS of changes to your circumstances or to your course status
- Provide receipts and reports if requested

## 10. Privacy

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with privacy legislation and CUCSS policies.

## 11. Need Help?

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact CUC Southern Shoalhaven Centre Manager, Erika Schwarze, E: [Erika@cucsouthernshoalhaven.edu.au](mailto:Erika@cucsouthernshoalhaven.edu.au)