

The David Burgess Foundation Scholarship School Application Form

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Initial Eligibility

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I confirm that I am a staff member of the nominating school.

Students cannot directly apply for this scholarship. Please speak with a teacher who will be able to complete the application on the students behalf.

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Students must be aware that they are receiving a nomination for this scholarship. Please discuss the scholarship and nomination with the student before progressing

Scholarship Purpose and Eligibility

DBSF scholarships are intended for students who have experienced significant adversity and have limited financial, family or social support, and for whom financial assistance and mentoring are likely to make a meaningful difference to their ability to transition to and succeed in tertiary education.

The David Burgess Scholarship prioritises students where adversity is combined with limited support and creates a genuine risk to their ability to access or succeed in tertiary study.

Privacy Statement

Equity Trustees Limited, and Equity Trustees Wealth Services Limited ('the EQT Group') are committed to protecting your privacy and supporting the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have read Equity Trustees' Privacy Statement available [here](#).

AI Caveat

Please be mindful of privacy and confidentiality considerations when using AI tools. Avoid sharing personal, sensitive, or identifying information, as information entered into some AI platforms may be stored, processed, or used in ways that are outside our control.

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About the David Burgess Foundation

The David Burgess Foundation was established in 1991 in memory of the late David Burgess MBE, a larger than life character who was a significant contributor to youth, education and the Australian community in general. The Foundation aims to help financially disadvantaged students with little or no support system to make the transition from a supportive school environment to a tertiary educational setting.

The Foundation prioritises assistance to Year 12 students from Victorian State Secondary Colleges, who gain entry to tertiary courses at Victorian Universities and/or TAFE institutes. These students will have experienced adversity combined with limited support and have shown commitment to their goals and those of their community. They would benefit from financial and mentoring support of the Foundation to achieve those goals.

Successful applicants currently receive up to \$7500 per year towards the cost of their course alongside support and guidance from mentors through the duration of their studies.

Further Support

Questions about Eligibility and Guidelines

Please contact Paul Morgan from the David Burgess Foundation on 0409 683 024 or email scholarships@dbsf.org.au quoting your application number if applicable.

Technical Support

Please email Equity Trustees at charities@eqt.com.au quoting your application number if applicable.

Making an Application

Selection Criteria

Applications for the award must be made by the school, NOT the student. All criteria must be addressed.

1. The nature of the student's adversity

- - The nature and impact of adversity faced while keeping in mind the dignity and privacy of the student. Adversity may include financial difficulties, personal hardship, lack of family support or social support, emotional/mental or physical illness.
 - Indicate how receipt of this award will contribute to the student's success at the tertiary level.

1. The student's commitment to their goals

- - How the student has responded to the adversity they have experienced; and
 - Give evidence of the student's initiative and determination to succeed.

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1.The student's commitment to the school and community at large

- Demonstrate in what ways the student has assisted others within the school, their general community and/or family.

Accessibility & Inclusion

We're committed to making the David Burgess Foundation Scholarship application process as accessible, inclusive, and supportive as possible for all young people. We recognise that every person's needs and experiences are different, and we aim to create an environment where neurodivergent applicants and those with disability feel safe, respected, and empowered.

If your student would benefit from any adjustments at any stage of the application or interview process, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to listen and work together to make the experience a positive one for all applicants.

Application Details

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Details of School and Principal Contacts

Name of School *

Postal Address *

Address

Office Contact Number *

School Email Address *

Principal Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Name of Contact Teacher *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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Contact Teacher Email Address *

Secondary Contact Teacher Email Address

School email address

Student Details

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First Name

Last Name

Email address *

Address *

Address

Mobile Phone *

Back-up phone contact during holidays (family / friend): *

Date of Birth *

Student Information

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Please provide relevant detail for the Foundation to understand the student's circumstances and why this scholarship would make a meaningful difference. The more relevant context and examples you can provide, the better we can understand the student's needs, strengths and potential benefit from the scholarship

Adversity

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What significant adversity has the student experienced, and how has it affected their education or life? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Please keep in mind the dignity and privacy of the student when answering this question.

In what ways would this scholarship make a difference to the student's ability to access and participate in tertiary education? Specifically, how would the combination of financial support and mentoring make a meaningful difference to this student? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Goals and Community

How has the student responded to their circumstances and demonstrated determination to succeed? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Clearly outline the ways in which the student contributed to their school, family or community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Consider the student's commitment to the school and community at large.

Please feel free to add any additional support documents that may support this application

Attach a file:

A maximum of 5 files may be attached.

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Other information

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Is the student an Australian resident for tax purposes? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please give details of residency status *

Is the student currently receiving Youth Allowance or other financial support? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Has the student applied for any other scholarships? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please list other scholarships applied for *

Please outline Tertiary Courses Applied for in Order of Preference

Institution

Course

Institution

Course

Certification

* indicates a required field

Applicant Declaration

- I, and my student applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made in this Scholarship Application and supporting documents are true.
- I, and my student applicant, have read the Equity Trustees' Privacy Statement (<https://www.eqt.com.au/global/privacystatement>) and I consent to the information I have provided or provided access to which is contained within this Scholarship Application being disclosed to the Scholarship Trustees of the David Burgess Scholarship Foundation

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and I consent to all information provided within this Scholarship Application being disclosed to third parties for the purpose of:

- assessing, administering or monitoring this and any future Scholarship Applications;
 - reviewing this Scholarship Application and attending and participating in the interview process; and
 - providing support to the Applicant throughout the assessment and interview process.
- I, and my student applicant, understand that if the Scholarship Trustees of the David Burgess Scholarship Foundation approve this Scholarship Application, the Applicant, where appropriate, will be bound by the contents of this Scholarship Application. The continuation of the scholarship is contingent upon reports from the University as to satisfactory academic progress and otherwise there being no unlawful or inappropriate conduct that in the opinion of the Trustees is inconsistent with the standards and reputation of the Trust. The Scholarship can be withdrawn, suspended or cancelled by the Trustees if academic progress is not satisfactory or any such conduct occurs. The Scholarship Trustees will review the Applicant's position at the commencement of each semester.

Teacher Endorsement

Name *

Date *

One more step...

YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO SUBMIT YOUR FORM

1. Click the "Review & Submit" button at the right of this form.
2. If necessary, review your answers.

Important: Form submission is **final**. You cannot make changes to your form after it has been submitted.

3. When ready to submit, click the "Submit" button at the top right of the form.
4. Shortly after submitting you will receive a confirmation email including a PDF copy of your form.

Important: If you do not receive this confirmation email, your form may have failed to submit. Please check your spam mail folder, or contact Equity Trustees at charities@eqt.com.au to confirm we have received your form.

Are you having trouble submitting?

If you have any questions regarding the submission of your form, please email charities@eqt.com.au

