

The Young Carer Bursary is now open for application.

If you care for a loved one and are studying, you may be eligible.

The Young Carer Bursary helps young carers under the age of 25 who are currently studying or training or will be in 2022. The program offers 1,000 bursaries to the value of \$3,000 each year.

It is estimated that there are 235,000 young Australians aged 12 to 25 who are in an unpaid caring role for family or friends.

These young carers often juggle school, employment and their caring responsibilities which can include:

- Providing emotional and advocacy support
- Assisting with medication
- Supporting physically with showering and other personal care tasks
- Household chores and looking after siblings



Why should young carers apply?

As a young carer balancing education and caring responsibilities can be difficult. It can often cause financial stress and/or disadvantage.

The bursary payments can assist young carers to stay in education while caring for their loved one. The funding can be used towards supporting them in education or training.

This could include:

- school fees
- laptops and software
- stationary
- uniforms
- school camps
- transport and accommodation
- respite care
- emotional support
- extracurricular activities

Applications are open from 16 August until 30 September and can be submitted through youngcarersnetwork.com.au

For general queries you can contact the Carers Australia – Young Carer Team:

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