

Guidelines for Applicants

You must provide

1. Your 30 June 2025 ATO Tax Notice of Assessment for each member of the household and any business or trust accounts

AND

2. Proof of LAFHA and/or AIC Assistance must be included in your application

Background

Our Secondary Rural Boarding Bursary is designed to assist economically disadvantaged and remote students who live in remote regional areas of NSW to attend a NSW State or Independent rural boarding school. It assists by providing a bursary to help bridge the gap between the cost of rural boarding and Government funding received through the AIC allowance (Assistance for Isolated Children – Federal support) and/or the LAFHA (Living Away From Home Allowance – NSW support). Families whose children board, either weekly or full time, at a NSW rural school, boarding facility or live with a family member are eligible to apply. It is for secondary education only.

Value

Our Secondary Rural Boarding Bursary is awarded for one year and is currently available to a maximum of \$2,000 depending on need and at the discretion of the Directors of the Foundation. Payment is made in instalments directly to the school.

Our bursary is awarded on the basis of:

- family income
- geographical isolation from an appropriate NSW Government school
- receipt of AIC and/or LAFHA / BSIS
- any extenuating circumstances, which meet our criteria, but not limited to, for instance impact of environmental events, student educational needs, health issues, family crisis etc.

Applicants must reapply each year.

Conditions

The number of bursaries allocated each year, and the amount of each bursary, is governed by the level of donations and boarding fees. The Directors of the Foundation will administer this program at their discretion and will adjust or withdraw a bursary benefit in the event of changed circumstances.

Completed application forms and all required supporting documents to be submitted by **Friday, 27 February 2026**

Bush Children's Education Foundation of NSW Inc.

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Application cannot be processed unless all questions are answered

Student Details

FAMILY NAME

FIRST NAME(S)

ADDRESS

TOWN

POSTCODE

DATE OF BIRTH

AGE

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent

School Details

SCHOOL YEAR IN 2026

DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME AND THE NEAREST GOVERNMENT SCHOOL (km)

NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL

POSTCODE

School Fees (Enter total fees for school year 2026)

BOARDING

TUITION AND ELECTIVES

TOTAL FEES \$

WEEKLY BORDER

FULL BOARDER

Allowance Details

Enter the value of each allowance received or applied for and the date of application.
(You must be in receipt of AIC with additional supplement and/or LAFHA)

ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN (AIC) DATE

AIC SUPPLEMENT DATE

LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE (LAFHA) DATE

LAFHA SUPPLEMENT - YEARS 11/12 DATE

YOUTH ALLOWANCE DATE

ABSTUDY DATE

BOARDING SCHOLARSHIP FOR ISOLATED STUDENT (BSIS)

ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP / BURSARIES / SUPPORT

DO YOU RECEIVE NDIS SUPPORT?

Please note, that it is your responsibility to notify BCEF that you are receiving allowances. Failure to advise can lead to your application for assistance being invalidated.

Details of where you can apply for assistance for Isolated Students

Commonwealth Government

NSW Government

- AIC (Isolated Students) Centrelink Tel.13 23 18
- Youth Allowance Tel.13 24 90
- Abstudy Tel. 13 23 17
- Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) Tel. (02) 6334 8075 (Bathurst)
- Family Assist Tel.13 61 50

Details Parent / Guardian 1

TITLE

MR MRS MS MISS OTHER

FAMILY NAME

FIRST NAME(S)

ADDRESS - IF NOT THE SAME AS STUDENT(S)

TOWN

POSTCODE

PHONE

EMAIL

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

YOUR OCCUPATION

AGE(S) OF OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Details Parent / Guardian 2

TITLE

MR MRS MS MISS OTHER

FAMILY NAME

FIRST NAME(S)

ADDRESS - IF NOT THE SAME AS STUDENT(S)

TOWN

POSTCODE

PHONE

EMAIL

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

YOUR OCCUPATION

AGE(S) OF OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Family Income

Please attach ATO Notice of Assessments for all personal, business and trust income for 30 June 2025 for yourself and your spouse or partner.

ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME PARENT / GUARDIAN 1

DO YOU RECEIVE A PENSION?

YES NO

OTHER INCOME? (E.g. BUSINESS/TRUST)

TOTAL INCOME

ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME PARENT / GUARDIAN 2

DO YOU RECEIVE A PENSION?

YES NO

OTHER INCOME? (E.g. BUSINESS/TRUST)

TOTAL INCOME

Farm / Grazing Data

ARE YOU A LANDHOLDER?

YES NO

CULTIVATION AREA TOTAL AREA (HA)

If you are a landholder, please complete...

STOCK NUMBERS SHEEP CATTLE OTHER

Additional Information

Please attach **any additional** information as necessary to support this application such as the impact of climate events or conditions, restocking, student educational or health needs, family issues etc.

Declaration

Please note in submitting an Application for a 2026 BCEF Secondary Rural Boarding Bursary you are aware of and agree to the following:

1. BCEF can request the allowance status (AIC and/or LAFHA) of the student named in the application from the School, Federal or State Government agencies. This information will be released to BCEF for discretionary use whilst considering the application.

2. School Information & Feedback

Student information: The School may provide BCEF with the student's attendance details and overall performance to assist with administering the bursary.

Family feedback: To help BCEF report on the impact of our bursaries across rural NSW, families will be required to complete a short five-minute feedback survey in Q4 2026.

I have read, understand and agree to the above conditions

3. Media & Promotion Consent

BCEF may occasionally wish to use photographic images or other media featuring the student named in this application for fundraising, promotional, or awareness-raising purposes. Details of our Media Policy and Privacy Policy are available on our website: www.bcef.org.au. Any use of images or information will be managed in accordance with these policies.

Would you be willing for us to use images of the student named in the application for these purposes?

I grant permission

I do not grant permission

4. How did you hear about BCEF Rural Boarding Bursaries?

SCHOOL

THE LAND

RADIO

INSTAGRAM

FACEBOOK

WEBSITE

WORD OF MOUTH

OTHER

All Applications will be treated according to BCEF's Privacy Policy.

Check list for completing the application form.

- 30 June 2025 ATO Notice of Assessment Statement
- Proof of LAFHA and/or AIC
- Name of Rural Boarding School
- Distance from closest State secondary school
- Any additional information to support the application

By signing or filling in the signatory section below, I certify all information is true and correct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please use digital signature or sign and scan. Email signed form to info@bcef.org.au