

## **SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarships**

I'm pleased to announce that the applications for the SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarships are open for the 2023 academic year.

Persecution, war, political instability and displacement are all factors that lead individuals to leave their homes to seek permanent protection elsewhere, including Australia. Refugees who come to Australia face many challenges during settlement, such as financial hardship, dealing with experiences of torture and trauma, and family separation; yet Australia is a nation built on immigration. We have a long history of providing safe asylum to refugees, many of whom have gone on to make great civil, social and economic contributions to Australian society.

SSI and Allianz aim to continue that tradition by providing targeted scholarships to those who are the most in need and willing to overcome social and economic challenges.

In response to the various needs of refugee communities, SSI and Allianz are offering approximately thirty five scholarships to individuals across a range of education categories.

- Secondary School
- Vocational Education & Training
- University
- Skills & Qualifications Recognition

The scholarships are open to anyone who must meet the eligibility criteria below:

## **Eligibility criteria**

To be successful in their application for support, applicants must:

- Be from a refugee background on a humanitarian visa. Visa Subclass 117, 200, 201, 202, 203,204, 786, 842, 866. Applicants on SHEV 790, TPV 785 and bridging visas with an asylum seeker background are also eligible to apply but must consider individual circumstances regarding visa obligations and any potential impact to other sources of income.
- Have been living in Australia for five years or less (except for eligible bridging, TPV & SHEV visa holders who now have no time in country limit).

- Reside and study in NSW, QLD or VIC.
- Meet eligibility criteria specific to each scholarship category (see application forms for more details).
- Not have previously received an SSI Allianz scholarship.

\*No more than one scholarship will be awarded in each immediate family in the same household per year.

\*People with a disability that meet the criteria are encouraged to apply.

Applications close strictly at 5pm Friday, 14 October 2022

For further information please see <u>SSI Allianz Refugee Scholarship Website</u>. Any queries can be directed to Belinda Small at <u>scholarships@ssi.org.au</u>