

# Rotary District 9800: Year 11-12 Scholarship Claims-Based Grants 2024

## Objective – Year 11-12 Scholarship

To encourage talented and motivated young people, currently in Year 10 and facing financial barriers to success, to complete their Year 11 and Year 12 secondary education.

## Overview – The Claims-Based Scholarship Grant

Under the claims-based process qualified clubs may apply in 2024 to have Foundation Grant funds reserved for them in support of their Year 11-12 Scholarship project. Grant funds will be paid to approved projects in two instalments, at the end of 2025 and again at the end of 2026, upon receipt of the required report and claim for payment. **Grant funding reservations expire on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 (full amount), and January 31<sup>st</sup> 2027 (second instalment) if a report/claim has not been lodged by the due date.**

- Applications open for clubs on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and close on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- Twelve claims-based grants are available in 2024 to support clubs with their Year 11-12 Scholarship project for the school years 2025-26.
- One Claims-Based Scholarship Grant is available per club.
- The scholarship is not a handout. It is to be awarded to a student (or two students) who, in the opinion of the school, is talented and motivated, but is hampered by financial disadvantage.
- The scholarships are to be used for the same student(s) each year.
- Each scholarship offered to a school is to be for a total of \$2,500, i.e. \$1,500 for Year 11 and \$1000 for Year 12), which will be supported with a Foundation Grant payment of \$1,250 over two years.
- A Scholarship payment of \$1,500 is to be made **by the club directly to the school** at the **beginning** of the 2025 school year, followed by a further payment of \$1,000 at the **beginning** of the 2026 school year.
- The club will be reimbursed a maximum of \$750 by the District 9800 Humanitarian Grants Committee at the end of the 2025 school year and \$500 at the end of 2026, upon lodgement of a complete Interim or Final Report. Incomplete reports will not be accepted.
- Grant funding will automatically expire if reports/claims are not lodged by the due date.
- Scholarship Grants are available to clubs that are qualified to receive grants, as defined in the [Guide to District Grants for Rotary District 9800](#), available as a download on the District website.
- Clubs that have not previously participated in the Year 11-12 Scholarship Program will be given priority.

## Guidelines for Clubs

- Scholarships are to be awarded only through Australian schools, for use within Australia.
- The scholarship can benefit one or two students, as determined by the school.
- If the school elects to support two students, the scholarship of \$2,500 over the two years is shared between them.
- Scholarships are intended for motivated, promising students entering Year 11 in 2025 who are considered by the school to be financially disadvantaged.
- The scholarship can be used for textbooks and stationery, uniforms, camps, excursions, computers, Myki tickets, musical instruments and tuition costs, and other course related costs.
- Clubs are to make the scholarship payment directly to the school, the first instalment of \$1,500 to be paid by the end of January 2025, and the second instalment of \$1,000 by the end of January 2026 provided the student or students are proceeding to Year 12.
- The club must obtain **an official receipt from the school** for each of the scholarship payments and send the receipt to the District 9800 Humanitarian Grants Committee **along with the related Interim or Final report/claim.**
- The school is required to account for all expenditure at the end of each year and report expenditure items on the official year-end Interim and Final report forms available to clubs as downloads on the District website. **Unspent funds are to be returned.**
- Your club will receive the grant payments of \$750 at the end of Year 11 and \$500 (or proportionately less if the first-year scholarship was underspent) at the end of Year 12, upon the receipt of the fully completed report/claim form. Reports together with the school's receipt must be submitted by the due by date.
- The latest date for submission of the Interim Report/Claim is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026. For the Final Report/Claim it is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2027.
- Where reports/claims are not received by the due date, the funding will automatically expire. **The Stewardship Committee will not follow up overdue reports.**
- Incomplete reports will not be accepted.
- Your club's Year 11-12 Scholarship project should be promoted in your club bulletins, website, social media and club meetings and mention that the Scholarship is provided "with the assistance of a District Grant from The Rotary Foundation".
- Clubs are encouraged to use the Scholarship grant as a way of strengthening the relationship with your local school community and exploring opportunities for participation in other Rotary Youth programs, such as MUNA, RYLA, RYPEN, Youth Exchange etc.

