

Rotary District 9800: Year 11-12 Scholarship Grants 2025

Objective

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

Guidelines

Clubs are encouraged to apply to have Foundation Grant funds reserved in support of their Year 11-12 Scholarship project. Grant funds will be paid to approved projects in two instalments, at the end of 2026 and again at the end of 2027, upon receipt of the required report and claim for payment. **Grant funding reservations expire on January 31st, 2027 (full amount), and January 31st, 2028 (second instalment) if a report/claim has not been lodged by the due date.**

- Applications close on November 22nd, 2025.
- Ten grants are available in 2025 to support clubs with their Year 11-12 Scholarship project for the school years 2026-27. One 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.
- The scholarship can be used for textbooks and stationery, uniforms, camps, excursions, computers, musical instruments and tuition costs, and other course related costs.
- Each scholarship offered to a school is to be for a total of \$2,000, i.e. \$1,000 for Year 11 and \$1000 for Year 12), which will be supported with a Foundation Grant payment of \$1,000 over two years.
- A Scholarship payment of \$1,000 is to be made **by the club directly to the school** at the **beginning** of the 2026 school year, followed by a further payment of \$1,000 at the **beginning** of the 2027 school year.
- 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 club will be reimbursed a maximum of \$500 by the District 9800 Humanitarian Grants Committee at the end of the 2026 school year and \$500 at the end of 2027, 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.
- 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.