

2023 Scholarship Guidelines:

Maximum Scholarship

Each scholarship is for a maximum of \$6,000. There is no minimum amount.

People who can apply

Scholarship recipients may be:

- A resident of NSW who is already working as a financial counsellor or in a related discipline and who wishes to undertake further study
- A resident of NSW who wishes to become a financial counsellor and work in a related discipline

Scholarship recipients may seek assistance up to \$6,000 for the course fee of a current course of study or for a course they have not yet started. Applicants seeking a scholarship for courses not yet started must commence their studies within 6 months from receipt of scholarship

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of responses to Section 3 Selection Criteria questions (see below), resumes and supporting references. Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply for subsequent scholarships

The selection criteria are:

- need financial assistance to study;
- have a strong interest in financial counselling (or related areas);
- are committed to study;
- will make or are making a strong contribution to the field of financial counselling or related areas (for example, as demonstrated by community involvement)

Payment arrangements

Payment of course fees will be made direct by FCAN to the course provider, on the provision of a tax invoice from the provider and according to the provider's payment terms.

Acquittal at the end of the scholarship

As a condition of this scholarship program, successful applicants may be required to provide evidence of study.

Scholarship timeframes and selection:

1. Opening Date 29 May 2023
Closing Date 5pm 7 July 2023
Extensions are not permitted
Scholarship winners will be announced at the FCAN Conference Dinner on 21 August 2023.
2. Email applications to jocelin.walker@fcan.org.au
Any questions not covered in these guidelines must be directed to:
Jocelin Walker
Senior Administrator
Financial Counsellor's Association of NSW Inc
Tel: 1300 914 408
Email: jocelin.walker@fcan.org.au
3. How to apply
 - i) Complete the application form
 - ii) Attach your resume, written references and letters of support. Include any information that you consider might help your application. If you are currently undertaking the course including transcripts of the completed units
 - iii) Lodge the application on or before **5pm 7 July 2023**
4. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the FCAN Scholarship Committee
5. Applicants may be contacted by the Scholarship Committee upon lodgement of application and during the review process.

FCAN 2023 Scholarship: Application Form

Applications Open: 29 May 2023 Applications Close: 5pm 7 July 2023

Please read the FCAN 2023 Scholarship Guidelines before applying

Section One: About You

Preferred Title Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Suburb _____ State NSW Postcode _____

Preferred Contact Number _____

Email Address _____

Current Education qualifications: _____

Current employer: _____

Are you an FCAN member? YES / NO

Indicate which statement best describes your current employment situation (tick applicable):

I am already working as a Financial counsellor; or

I would like to become a Financial counsellor; or

I am currently working as....., associated with financial counselling

Course details:

The course I wish to study is: _____ or

The current course I am studying is: _____

and I am due to complete this course in: _____ (month/year)

Section Two: 2 Professional References

You must include one written reference from your employer and one written reference from your Supervisor. Note – if both are the same you will need to include another written Professional Reference.

References are to include the Referees job title, organisation, contact details (for verification) and outline their working relationship with you.

Section Three: Selection Criteria

The FCAN 2023 Scholarship is especially for people who:

1. Need financial assistance to study;
2. Have a strong interest in financial counselling (or related areas);
3. Are committed to study;
4. Will make or are making a strong contribution to the field of financial counselling or related areas (for example: as demonstrated by community involvement).

Attach your written explanation about how you meet each of these four selection criteria. This is a merit based scholarship so if you consider that you have additional information that you consider will help your application please include it.

Section Four: Applicant Declaration

I certify that the information in this application and its attachments are true and correct. I understand that this is an application only and may not result in scholarship approval. If a scholarship is offered, I understand that I will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with FCAN and will comply with the terms of that Agreement.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Before Submitting:

Have you read the information kit including reporting/ acquittal requirements?

If you are applying for a scholarship for a course you are currently studying have you included evidence of your progress so far?

Have you included your resume?

Have you included your 2 written references?

Have you included your written explanation about how you meet the selection criteria?

Have you checked the closing date?

Applications Close: 5pm 7 July 2023

Submit your application to: Jocelin Walker Senior Administrator, jocelin.walker@fcan.org.au