

FCAN Scholarship Program

The FCAN Scholarship Program is an FCAN Board initiative that has operated since 2016.

Each year FCAN awards scholarships to eligible individuals in NSW undertaking studies in financial counselling.

Applications for the FCAN Scholarship Program open in June each year and our Scholarship Committee announces the successful applicants at our annual conference awards dinner.

2024 Scholarship Guidelines

The FCAN Scholarship Program assists with the costs of tuition.

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.

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

Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply for subsequent scholarships.

Selection Criteria:

The FCAN 2024 Scholarship is especially for people who:

- need financial assistance to study; and
- have a strong interest in financial counselling (or related areas); and
- are committed to study; and
- 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 are required to provide evidence of study and completion of study.

Scholarship timeframes and selection:

1. Opening Date 3 June 2024
Closing Date 5pm 12 July 2024
Extensions are not permitted

Scholarship winners will be announced at the FCAN Conference Dinner on 11 September 2024.

2. Email applications to katie.delaurier@fcan.org.au

Any questions not covered in these guidelines must be directed to:

Katie DeLaurier
Membership Services Officer
Financial Counsellor's Association of NSW Inc.
Tel: 1300 914 408
Email: katie.delaurier@fcan.org.au

3. How to apply:

- i) Complete the application form.
- ii) With your application form include:
 - Your written responses to the Selection Criteria; and
 - Your current Resume/CV; and
 - Two written professional references.

If you are currently undertaking the course include your enrolment and any transcripts of completed units.

Also include any information that you consider might help your application and/or additional letters of support.

- iii) Lodge the application on or before **5pm 12 July 2024**
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 2024 Scholarship Application Form

Applications Open: 3 June 2024 Applications Close: 5pm 12 July 2024

Please read the FCAN 2024 Scholarship Guidelines before applying.

Applicant details:

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)

ATTACHMENTS: With your application include the attachments as specified on the next page

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 _____

Attachments to be included with your Application:

1. Your written responses to the Selection Criteria:

Your application must address how you meet each of these four selection criteria:

1. Need financial assistance towards your tuition costs; and
2. Have a strong interest in financial counselling (or related areas); and
3. Are committed to study; and
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).

2. Resume/CV:

Include your current Resume/CV.

3. Professional Written References:

Include two (2) Professional Written References that recommend you for an FCAN Scholarship. References are to include the Referees job title, organisation, contact details (for verification) and outline their working relationship with you.

If you're a financial counsellor:

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

If you're not a financial counsellor:

You must include two written professional references.

4. Additional attachments:

- If you are applying for a scholarship for a course you are currently studying included evidence of your enrolment and progress so far.
- Any information that you consider might help your application and/or additional letters of support.

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.

Before Submitting:

Have you read the Guidelines including payment and acquittal requirements?

Have you included all additional attachments?

Have you checked the closing date?

Applications Close: 5pm 12 July 2024

Submit your application to: Katie DeLaurier Membership Services Officer, katie.delaurier@fcan.org.au