



# Community Bank Maldon & District 2022 Scholarship Guidelines

Community Bank Maldon & District (MDCB) is pleased to be offering four scholarships in 2022 worth \$2,000 each, across four different categories. The purpose of each scholarship is to support students in the Maldon, Newstead, Harcourt, Dunolly and Mount Alexander districts for new or ongoing studies in 2022.

Scholarships are awarded to cover costs associated with education, such as course fees, rent, purchasing computers, books, equipment or other resources associated with your course/training. There are four categories of scholarship in 2022, each with different criteria:

**Higher Education - Trainee / Apprentice - Indigenous - Agriculture**

Please ensure you apply for the appropriate scholarship to suit your facts and circumstances. If relevant, you can apply for more than one category, however you can only receive one scholarship.

**Do you need help or have queries with your application?**

If you have any concerns or questions about your application, please contact Shannon Burdeu by phone 0478 435 110 or email [executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au](mailto:executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au).

**About the scholarship program**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>The MDCB Scholarship Program is open to people who live in the communities or attended a secondary school in the catchment area served by the Community Bank Maldon &amp; District (and our branches in Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead).</p> <p>It also includes the following towns and surrounding areas of Maldon, Newstead, Dunolly, Baringhup, Walmer, Nuggetty, Strangways, Sandon, Welshmans Reef, Muckleford, Elphinstone, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Eddington, Campbells Creek, Taradale, Bealiba, Guildford, Moliagul, Tarnagulla, Chewton, Lockwood South, Laanecoorie and the Mount Alexander Shire.</p> <p>If you are planning on entering into, or continuing studies, in 2022 you can apply for the scholarships. The university, college or TAFE applications must be enrolled with, or applied to, an accredited and registered tertiary provider.</p>
<b>Higher Education</b>	<p>Applications are sought from people starting or continuing a Diploma, Advance Diploma, University degree in 2022.</p> <p>Eligible courses include Bachelor undergraduate degree level courses in any field of study.</p>
<b>Trainee / Apprentice</b>	<p>Applications are sought from young people starting or continuing a TAFE-based apprenticeship, a TAFE Certificate course, or traineeship in 2022.</p> <p>Eligible TAFE courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime or competency based completion (apprenticeships)</li> <li>• Certificate I, II, III or IV</li> <li>• Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate degree</li> <li>• Course must be of at least 10 weeks' duration for full-time study or the part-time equivalent.</li> </ul> <p>Courses ineligible for this scholarship include VETiS and Foundation level training and short courses.</p>

<b>Indigenous</b>	<p>Applications are sought from students who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and applicants should be able to provide confirmation of aboriginality.</p> <p>Students can be starting or continuing their studies in 2022 and can be across the higher education sector, TAFE or a trainee/apprenticeship.</p>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<p>Applications will be considered for any form of study or training that is relevant to developing a career in agriculture, including professional short courses or workshops.</p> <p>Applicants could have experience working in the industry (can include volunteer and family farming work).</p> <p>Eligible study or training must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a minimum of 16 contact hours (this may involve more than one course or workshop, and may be across multiple institutions and organisations, or offered online)</li> <li>• delivered by a registered training organisation (RTO)</li> </ul>
<b>I am planning to defer my studies in 2022. Should I still apply?</b>	Scholarship funds cannot be deferred or held over, so if you're planning a gap year you'll have to wait to apply. We require you to study in 2022 to be eligible for a scholarship.
<b>How much money is available?</b>	There are four scholarships available for study in 2022, each worth \$2,000. The scholarships are for one year only, paid in a lump sum.
<b>Do I need to be studying full-time to be eligible?</b>	<p><u>For higher education:</u> if you are studying at university, then a full-time study load is one of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p><u>For Trainee-Apprentice:</u> eligibility for the scholarship is open to full-time or part-time students.</p> <p><u>Indigenous / Agriculture:</u> it will depend on the type of study you are undertaking and whether it is closer aligned to a university or TAFE course per the above.</p>
<b>What can I use the scholarship for?</b>	<p>Any costs associated with your studies, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rent, travel or accommodation costs</li> <li>• Study related material or equipment (text books, stationery etc.)</li> <li>• Computers, printers, laptops or other study related IT equipment</li> <li>• Tools, safety equipment, relevant resources required for your course</li> <li>• Course costs</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship</b>	It is only open to Australian citizens, permanent residents or those on permanent humanitarian visas.
<b>Applications dates</b>	Open on 1 November 2021 and close at 5pm on Friday 17 December 2021.
<b>How to apply</b>	<p>Please visit <a href="https://maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/">https://maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/</a> to access the application form.</p> <p>Another way to get a hold of the application form is by contacting the Bank's Executive Officer Shannon Burdeu via email or phone: 0478 435 110 or <a href="mailto:executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au">executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au</a></p> <p>We will send all applicants an email to confirm receipt of their application.</p>
<b>How do I submit my application?</b>	<p>We prefer applications to be submitted via email. We also accept applications via post or hand delivered at a Maldon, Newstead or Dunolly branches.</p> <p>Submit the completed application via:</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au">executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au</a></p> <p>Post: Executive Officer, PO Box 268, Maldon VIC 3463</p>
<b>Do I need to type my answers?</b>	Applications can be hand-written or typed. Just make sure we can read your writing if you are hand-writing it.
<b>How is a scholarship recipient selected?</b>	A selection committee will carefully review all eligible applications and will assess the submitted details against our criteria. Incomplete applications will

	<p>not be assessed, and we will not consider applications submitted after the closing date (5pm, Friday 17 December 2021).</p> <p>If we require further information or clarification, we may contact you during this process. We may also ask you to undertake an informal interview to assist with our selection.</p> <p>The scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of the selection committee.</p>
<b>How will I know whether my application was successful?</b>	All applicants will be advised in writing (email) of the outcome of their application. It is anticipated this will happen by the end of January 2022.
<b>If I am unsuccessful, can I re-apply next year?</b>	Yes, by all means you can reapply for funding in subsequent years.
<b>How are the scholarship funds paid?</b>	<p>If successful you will be expected to sign a funding agreement that outlines the conditions of funding.</p> <p>The scholarship will be paid as a \$2,000 Maldon &amp; District Community Bank account. If you don't have an account with our Community Bank our Branch staff can set one up for you to receive the scholarship funds.</p>
<b>Do I need to let you know about other scholarships or awards I have received?</b>	We do want to know this information as part of the application process. This will not rule you out for our scholarship, but it may be taken into consideration when assessing your application.
<b>Protecting my privacy</b>	<p>We will keep secure all of the information you provide. The information will be reviewed by a selection committee and it will be treated confidentially.</p> <p>Community Bank Maldon &amp; District treats all information provided by applicants in accordance with the <i>Information Privacy Act 2000</i>. The information will only be used for the purpose of assessing the scholarship application and will not be disclosed to any other party except as required by law.</p>
<b>What if I quit my studies before the end of the year?</b>	Please let us know as soon as possible. As a scholarship recipient, you are required to let us know of any change in circumstances that may affect your studies. We will endeavour to discuss options with you; however, Community Bank Maldon & District may seek for the scholarship funds to be reimbursed if you cease your studies without adequate explanation or reason.
<b>Do I have to show how I spent the funds?</b>	Yes, you will need to provide copies of receipts at the end of the funded year of study to show us that the money was spent to support your tertiary studies.
<b>Do I need to report back to Maldon &amp; District Community Bank ?</b>	<p>Yes, we do need to hear back from you at the end of your studies in 2022.</p> <p>We have a simple acquittal form for you to complete to let us know how the funds helped your studies, what you used the money for and your future study and work plans. This form must be returned to the Executive Officer by 1 December 2022. We will be in contact with you before then as a reminder.</p>

We look forward to receiving your application!