

Community Bank Maldon & District Scholarships 2024

Community Bank Maldon & District (MDCB) is pleased to be offering scholarships in 2024 worth up to \$2,000 each. 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 2024.

Scholarships are awarded to cover costs associated with further education, such as course fees, rent, purchasing computers, books, equipment and/or expenses that may need to be met to enable you to undertake your course/training.

Do you need help or have questions with your application?

If you have any concerns or questions about your application, or need support to complete the application form, please contact our Executive Officer via email executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au or phone 0478 435 110.

About the scholarship program

Eligibility	<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 Community Bank Maldon & District (and our branches in Dunolly and Maldon).</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, Tamagulla, Chewton, Lockwood South, Laanecoorie and the Mount Alexander Shire.</p> <p>If you are planning on entering into, or continuing studies, in 2024 you can apply for the scholarship. The university, college or TAFE applicants must be enrolled with, or applied to, an accredited and registered tertiary provider.</p>
Higher Education	<p>Applications are sought from people starting or continuing a Diploma, Advance Diploma, University degree in 2024. Eligible courses include Bachelor undergraduate degree level courses in any field of study.</p>
Trainee / Apprentice	<p>Applications are sought from people starting or continuing a TAFE-based apprenticeship, a TAFE Certificate course, or traineeship in 2024.</p> <p>Eligible TAFE courses include fulltime or competency-based completion (apprenticeships), Certificate I, II, III or IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or associate degree, Course must be of at least 10 weeks duration for full-time study or the part-time equivalent.</p> <p>Courses ineligible for this scholarship include VETIS and Foundation level training and short courses.</p>
I am planning to defer my studies in 2024. Should I still apply?	<p>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 2024 to be eligible for a scholarship.</p>
How much money is available?	<p>Each scholarship is worth up to \$2,000. The number of scholarships granted is to be determined by the Selection Committee. Scholarships are for one year only, paid in a lump sum.</p>
Do I need to be studying full-time to be eligible?	<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>
What can I use the scholarship for?	<p>Any costs associated with your studies, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, travel or accommodation costs • Study related material or equipment (textbooks, stationery etc.) • Computers, printers, laptops or other study related IT equipment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tools, safety equipment, relevant resources required for your course Expenses that address a barrier that would normally impact you from being able to undertake further education.
Citizenship	It is only open to Australian citizens, permanent residents or those on permanent humanitarian visas.
Applications dates	Open on 24 October 2023 and close at 5pm on Sunday 14 th January 2024.
How to apply	Please visit https://maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/ to access the application form. Another way to get a hold of the application form is by contacting our Executive Officer, via email or phone: 0478 435 110 or executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au We will send all applicants an email to confirm receipt of their application.
How do I submit my application?	We prefer applications to be submitted via email. We also accept applications via post or hand delivered at our Maldon or Dunolly branches. Submit the completed application via: Email: executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au Post: Executive Officer, PO Box 268, Maldon VIC 3463
How is a scholarship recipient selected?	A selection committee will carefully review all eligible applications against our criteria which includes consideration of the applicant's demonstrated need, as well as our values of sustainability, integrity and connection. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed, and we will not consider applications submitted after the closing date (5pm, Sunday 14 th January 2024). 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. The scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of the selection committee.
How will I know whether my application was successful?	All applicants will be advised in writing (email) of the outcome of their application. It is anticipated this will happen by mid-January 2024.
How are the scholarship funds paid?	If successful you will be expected to sign a funding agreement that outlines the conditions of funding. The scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be paid as a Community Bank Maldon & District 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.
Promotion	Community Bank Maldon & District may engage scholarship recipients to profile our scholarship program via use of their photos or comments in written formats, social media, interviews, etc to help grow awareness of our community banking model – the more people who bank with MDCB, the more community impact we can provide. If your preference is not to be involved in this kind of promotion, this will not impact your application assessment.
Do I need to let you know about other scholarships or awards I have received?	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.
Protecting my privacy	We will keep secure all the information you provide. The information will be reviewed by a selection committee, and it will be treated confidentially. Community Bank Maldon & 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.
Do I have to show how I spent the funds?	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.

Do I need to report back to Community Bank Maldon & District?

Yes, we do need to hear back from you at the end of your studies in 2024. 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 2024. We will be in contact with you before then as a reminder.

We look forward to receiving your application!