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**Policy context:** This policy relates to the SCH Community Housing Agreement.

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### POLICY STATEMENT

#### I. Purpose

To advise applicants and SCH staff on eligibility and assessment requirements for tenant educational scholarships.

#### II. Definitions

- N/a

#### III. Coverage

This policy applies to educational scholarships offered to SCH tenants.

#### IV. Principles

SCH scholarships are open to all approved residents of SCH Social Housing properties, of any age. In order to be eligible, the household:

- Must have provided income details to SCH within the previous 6 months, to demonstrate that they are still eligible for Social Housing,
- Must not have current rent or non-rent arrears, unless an approved repayment plan has been agreed and the household is complying with the plan,
- Must have no other scholarship funding available to meet these costs, and
- Must be an approved occupant of an SCH property.

Special consideration will be given to applicants with a disability. Attendance at therapy, or other health or social activities, may be counted towards community involvement.

Scholarship funding can be used towards educational costs for primary school, high school, TAFE or university courses, or participation in organised sporting or music activities. This includes costs of fees/registration, tutoring/lessons, textbooks, equipment, uniforms and related activities (eg, excursions or concerts), or childcare.

Funding will only be provided for items that are essential to participate in the nominated course or activity (eg, items included on a compulsory school uniform list, or textbooks identified in a course guide). Funding for some items may also be capped at a reasonable value.

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Student goals (in particular, how planned education/participation will improve personal outcomes),
- The level of student community involvement (as demonstrated by volunteer activities, community participation, etc), and

- The student’s personal character and commitment (as demonstrated by school attendance, references and/or past achievements).

Only one scholarship can be approved for each applicant and a maximum of two scholarships per family, per year.

The maximum value of scholarships is subject to change each year and will be advertised in tenant newsletters and on the SCH website.

**V. Responsibilities**

The Customer and Communities team is responsible for collecting and assessing scholarship applications.

The General Manager, Housing Services or Chief Executive Officer is responsible for approving scholarships.

**DOCUMENTATION**

Documents related to this policy	
Related policies	
Other related documents	Scholarship Application Form