Over 71,600 young people in Victoria are believed to have significant care responsibilities. They may be supporting a mother, father, sister, brother, or grandparent who has a disability, chronic or mental illness or who is an older person with care needs.

Caring can be a very positive experience; helping a young person to develop skills and build strong relationships. But it can also have some negative effects on a young person’s health and wellbeing.

Many young carers are at risk of dropping out of school, having lower educational and employment opportunities than their peers.

The Young Carer Transition Grant aims to assist young carers transition to adulthood by enhancing their skills, training and/or educational achievement and abilities.

The Young Carer Transition Grants are financial grants provided to assist young carers who may be transitioning from conventional secondary or tertiary education into a work environment career path.

When Tiziana and Brian McKenzie lost Tiziana’s son, James Premoselli, to mental health issues in 2003, a decision was made to establish the Odonate Foundation to assist young people who were supporting a family member with some form of disability.

On establishing their charity, the Committee worked tirelessly to raise funds to assist the recipients of a grant which will be offered to young carers to assist them in transitioning from school life to entering the workforce in a productive and supportive way.
**PRIORITY**

Highest priority will be given to applications from young people who are:

- the main carer in the family
- from low income families and families with high care costs
- providing care to more than one family member
- juggling additional caring responsibilities for siblings
- living in rural and regional areas
- from Indigenous or culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

**Ineligibility**

Applications from recipients of the Young Carer Bursary Programme will be deemed ineligible (online application in 2019 via bursariesyoungcarers.net.au).

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Complete an Application Form and send to:

- Young Carers Transition Grant Program
  PO Box 2204
  Footscray VIC 3011

All applications due by 5:00pm Friday 25 October 2019.

Quotes and letters of support are required to be included with each application.

Application forms can be found on the Carers Victoria website:
www.carersvictoria.org.au/how-we-help/young-carers

**Other information you need to know**

- Not all applications are guaranteed to be awarded a grant.
- The number of grants awarded is dependent on available funding.
- Letters of support (no more than two A4 pages from school staff, referees or other family members are required. Letters should help demonstrate how caring affects the young person in their daily life.
- All grant payments are made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly to the nominated bank account of the young carer, their parent, or supplier (business, club or school).
- The correct bank account details must be supplied on the application form and Carers Victoria must be notified immediately of any changes.
- All applicants will be notified.
- Grant payments will be issued in late December 2019.
- Successful applicants will be required to complete a feedback form.
- Young carers who are awarded a grant will be required to attend the Young Carer Transition Grant Award Ceremony.
- Grants are for one year only
- Changes to applications must be provided via phone on 1800 514 845 or email events@carersvictoria.org.au

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**
**MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**
**FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019**

**QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUNG CARERS TRANSITION GRANTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO**

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