

YOUNG CARERS TRANSITION GRANT GUIDELINES 2019

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.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are open to young carers aged 16 – 21 years old who:

- give care and support to a family member with a disability, chronic or mental illness or who is an older person with care needs
- have transitioned or intend to transition to work or study beyond secondary school and;
- live, work or study in Victoria.

The grant should contribute to costs involved in transitioning to adulthood by helping develop skills, assist with equipment or educational learning.

WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR?

Grants are up to \$5,000. Grants can be awarded for:

- Training or Educational fees
- Training or Educational equipment
- Work experience costs
- Education related expenses such as travel costs
- Equipment or other items or activities to further work achievements such as tools, visits, etc.
- Actions or items relating to the applicant's caring duties that would assist their career aspirations.

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.

When Tiziana and Brian McKenzie lost Tiziana's son, James Premoselli, to mental health issues in 2013, 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 29 November 2019.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUNG CARERS

For information and advice about services and support contact the Carer Advisory Line on 1800 514 845 (weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm) Free call except from mobile phones.

To find out more about young carers' resources visit www.carersvictoria.org.au



APPLICATIONS OPEN
MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2019

QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUNG CARERS TRANSITION GRANTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO

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