Secondary Bursary Scheme
The ACT Government provides financial assistance to support families with education expenses through the Secondary Bursary Scheme for students in years 7-10 and the Student Support Fund programs. The scheme provides assistance to low-income earners in the ACT with dependent full-time students in years 7-10.

Information about the Scheme
Custodial parents or guardians who are financially responsible for the student(s) may apply for this benefit. This means the student(s) must be living with the applicant and be financially dependent upon the applicant, or in special government care that is paid for by the applicant.

Students must be studying full-time in the ACT, attend a Public, non-government school or the CIT, or be approved for home schooling.

Students must be in years 7-10 or, if home schooled, be of an age where they would be enrolled in years 7-10. The bursary is available only to ACT residents. If a post office box is given as a postal address and is the address on your Health Care Card or Centrelink Card, proof of residency in the form of a copy of a current driver's licence, telephone account or other account from a government body should be attached to the application.

Applicants prove low-income status by providing a photocopy of a current Centrelink Card or Health Care Card with means tested payment codes. Applicants having Health Care Cards endorsed 'FO' are not eligible for this scheme. If the card expires before the processing period then an updated copy must be sent as soon as the new card is received to ensure receipt of the next payment.

Bursary Payments
The Bursary payment has increased to $750 per year for eligible students in years 7-10.
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- Applications lodged by **28 November 2014** will receive their bursary payment in **January-February 2015**.
- Applications received after this date will be paid as soon as possible after receipt.
- Applications received before **3 July 2015** will receive the full year's bursary payment.
- Applications received after the **3 July and until 30 October 2015** will be paid a half year payment only.

Application Forms
Application forms and information sheets are available at:
- All ACT high schools
- Centrelink (Belconnen, Braddon Tuggeranong and Woden Regional Offices Only)
- Non government support services such as The Smith Family, Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul or
- [ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme Application Form](#) (Accessible) (115kb)
  ![ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme Application Form](#) (55kb)
  ![ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme Application Form](#) (596kb)

Application forms may be handed to schools with a copy of supporting documentation.

Further Information
Please contact the Bursary Scheme Administrator on (02) 6205 8262 if you would like further assistance or advice.