



# **SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

## **2022**

### **SUMMARY AND DETAILED INFORMATION**



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## 2022 Scholarships and Bursaries

Morling Residential College (MRC) strives to provide a positive and transformational experience of Christian community in a context where faith matters. MRC aims to do this by promoting community activities and events that build relationships, that provide residents with opportunities to learn leadership skills and grow in their ability to work with others, and to serve one another and the broader community.

Further, MRC aims to financially support residents who may be experiencing additional stressors and hardships that impact upon their student experience, or who come from rural, regional, ATSI, first in the family or other disadvantaged backgrounds to attend university.

To promote the continued achievement of these aims in 2022, MRC is offering for the first time a number of scholarships:

- 1) **Community Contribution Scholarship:** This scholarship is aimed at promoting approximately 3 hours per week (during term time) of community service to MRC. This can be through participation in the Student Association, or by developing your own community activity (e.g. tutorials; shared study sessions; discipleship group; choir etc). It is valued at 20% off of the usual accommodation price.
- 2) **Country Education Foundation Scholarships:** This scholarship is aimed at supporting those from rural and regional backgrounds who are required to leave home in order to attend university in Sydney. It is offered in collaboration with the Country Education Foundation. This scholarship is valued at 33% of the usual accommodation price.
- 3) **Bursaries** – these are granted on an as needed basis and are given on the basis of demonstrated financial hardship or exceptional circumstances that are impacting upon a resident's capacity to cover their accommodation costs.

To be eligible, applicants must have been accepted into membership of Morling Residential College. Residents cannot hold more than one scholarship, bursary or special offer. Additionally school leavers will have to choose between either the year 12 special rate or, if successful, the scholarship benefit.

Scholarship discount amounts are applied against the full room rate (Studio A: \$380; Studio B: \$290; Mega-studio: \$440). ***All scholarships, bursaries and special rates are paid in the form of reduced accommodation charges only.***

Please see the detailed information form for each scholarship for further information regarding eligibility criteria, application process, value and conditions associated with the scholarships.

## Community Contribution Scholarship

**About this scholarship:** MRC strives to create a positive environment that enables young people to be transformed and grow to their full potential in the context of a Christian environment where faith matters. To this end, MRC provides opportunities for residents to grow in leadership and skills and to practically demonstrate love and care to their neighbours through community service activities. This scholarship has been developed to reward and promote individuals who are committed to making this contribution within Morling Residential College and/or the broader Saunders Close community.

**Value of scholarship:** 20% of the usual accommodation price.

**Eligibility Criteria:** This scholarship is open only to residents who currently live in Morling Residential College.

**Application Process:** Application for this scholarship must be accompanied by a letter with supporting documentation. To apply:

- Complete a scholarship application form
- Provide a letter of proposal outlining the community service they intend to commit 3 hours per week to during term time in MRC. The proposal given must adhere to the outline provided in the proposal template.

Recipients can reapply each year provided they continue to reside in Morling Residential Community.

**Selection Criteria:** Award will be based on demonstrated commitment to community service in MRC and will be based on merit, assessment of letter of proposal, and interview. A successful candidate must be able to:

- Proactively contribute to the community life of MRC.
- Work towards MRC's mission of providing a positive and transformational experience of Christian community where faith matters.
- Serve other members of the community to enrich the resident experience in MRC.
- Demonstrate in actions and service the centrality of Morling's values that people matter, that the Gospel is central and that education is transformative.

All scholarships are awarded by the Dean of Morling Residential College and decisions, once made, are final.

**Scholarship Duration:** The scholarship will be offered for one year.

**Number of scholarships available:** A maximum of 4 Community Contribution Scholarships are available each year.

### **Scholarship Conditions:**

- The scholarship must be commenced in the year it is awarded.
- A resident can only hold one scholarship, bursary or special offer at one time
- Deferment of the MRC Community Contribution Scholarship is not available.
- The Scholarship Awardee must be willing to meet with the Dean of Residential Students once per month to obtain support related to their community contribution initiative.
- If a resident fails to enrol or withdraws from their study or from university, or seeks to defer their studies, or wishes to undertake part-time study (less than 3 courses), the student must notify the Dean of MRC and the scholarship will be cancelled or suspended as appropriate.
- The scholarship length goes from the first day of the contract in semester 1, to the last day of the contract in semester 2 (noticing these dates change minimally each year).
- The student who is awarded the scholarship must commit to 2 - 3 hours of community service each week during term time for the duration of the year.
- Scholarship winners must provide MRC with a copy of their transcript at the end of each semester demonstrating satisfactory performance.

**Payment:** The scholarship will be credited towards accommodation in 2 equal instalments across semester 1 and semester 2 (at the end of term 1 and term 3). Payment is subject to the resident fulfilling their commitment to 2-3 hours of community service each week during term time.

Community Contribution Proposal Template

Please answer each of the following questions in the proposal that you provide related to your Community Contribution initiative.

**Community Contribution Initiative Outline**

<p><b>What is the main aim of your community contribution proposal?</b></p>	<p><b>Please outline how you plan to contribute to the MRC community?</b></p>
<p><b>How do you hope your initiative will benefit the residents in MRC?</b></p>	<p><b>How will you know your community contribution initiative has been successful?</b></p>

**Community Contribution Initiative Resources and Support Required**

<p><b>What support and resources do you need to fulfil this community contribution proposal?</b></p>	<p><b>How will you determine the best day and time for your activity to be held?</b></p>
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**Are you willing to meet with the Dean of Residential Students on a monthly basis (or more frequently if required) for support about how your initiative is going?**

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**Promotion of Community Contribution Initiative**

<p><b>How do you plan to communicate with residents the opportunities presented by your community contribution initiative?</b></p>	<p><b>What safety measures will you put in place to minimise the risks associated with COVID and to protect the health and safety of all those participating in the program?</b></p>
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List the activities that you plan to do across the year:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Scheduled Start</i>	<i>Scheduled Finish</i>	<i>Day of week activity will occur on</i>

Please list any questions where you would like clarification from the MRC team

Please list likely areas where you will need support from MRC staff:

Community Contribution Proposal Template EXAMPLE

Please answer each of the following questions in the proposal that you provide related to your Community Contribution initiative.

**Community Contribution Initiative Outline**

<p><b>What is the main aim of your community contribution proposal?</b></p> <p><i>To bring people together over food/music/study/exercise to form connections and friendships with each other.</i></p>	<p><b>Please outline how you plan to contribute to the MRC community?</b></p> <p><i>I plan to hold a weekly choir activity/Bible study group/develop a peer study program/arrange a walking group</i></p>
<p><b>How do you hope your initiative will benefit the residents in MRC?</b></p> <p><i>It will give people interested in exercise/music/study the chance to support each other and collaborate with each other.</i></p>	<p><b>How will you know your community contribution initiative has been successful?</b></p> <p><i>All residents were given the opportunity to be involved in weekly events during term time.</i></p> <p><i>Residents will be recommending involvement to other residents.</i></p>

**Community Contribution Initiative Resources and Support Required**

<p><b>What support and resources do you need to fulfil this community contribution proposal?</b></p> <p><i>Use of MRC 1/2 every Monday night</i></p> <p><i>Guidance in how to get it started successfully</i></p> <p><i>Assistance to inform residents via the newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Funding to purchase food/artistic supplies/music for each event.</i></p>	<p><b>How will you determine the best day and time for your activity to be held</b></p> <p><i>I will include a survey in the MRC newsletter</i></p> <p><i>I will include a sign-up sheet in the lift</i></p>
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**Are you willing to meet with the Dean of Residential Students on a monthly basis (or more frequently if required) for support about how your initiative is going?**

**Promotion of Community Contribution Initiative**

<p><b>How do you plan to communicate with residents the opportunities presented by your community contribution initiative?</b></p> <p><i>Via posters in the lift and weekly facebook posts.</i></p>	<p><b>What safety measures will you put in place to minimise the risks associated with COVID and to protect the health and safety of all those participating in the program?</b></p> <p><i>The event will be held in MRC 1 or 2 each week – MRC COVID safe rules for events will be followed. Communal areas will be used for group activities (not resident rooms).</i></p>
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**List the activities that you plan to do across the year:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Scheduled Start</b>	<b>Scheduled Finish</b>	<b>Day of week Activity will occur on</b>
<i>Wk 1: Walk MQU grounds and parks</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Mon</i>
<i>Wk 2: Social game of Basketball at MQU</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Mon</i>
<i>Wk 3: Walk around nearby nature park</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Mon</i>

**Please list any questions where you would like clarification from the MRC team**

*I am not sure what I should do if no one comes.*

*How will MRC support me to promote my activity?*

*Who can I talk to if I need help or guidance?*

**Please list likely areas where you will need support from MRC staff:**

*I will need training in how to organise and promote activities*



## The Country Education Foundation – Morling Residential College Scholarship

**About this scholarship:** This scholarship is jointly funded by the Country Education Foundation and Morling Residential College. This scholarship is designed to assist 16-25 year olds from rural and regional Australia who would not otherwise be able to pursue tertiary studies in Sydney due to financial, geographical, and/or other circumstances and challenges. This scholarship is intended to assist the student with fee relief for MRC accommodation costs.

**Value:** Morling Residential College covers 1/3 of the usual rental price for a 41 week contract, at a value of up to \$5193.00.

**Eligibility Criteria:** To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident;
- Be approved for an offer of a place or enrolled at Morling Residential College.
- Be identified by CEF as receiving support from a local CEF foundation.

The locations where there is a CEF foundation are detailed here. (If there is not one in your home town, get in contact with the committees closest to your town):

<https://cef.org.au/our-local-country-education-foundations-overview/>

**Application Process:** Application for this scholarship involves:

- The CEF shall advise local CEF committees of the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship based on the eligibility criteria outlined above.
- Applicants need to apply to their local (or closest) CEF foundation (more information is available at <https://cef.org.au/cef-extra/>).
- Applicants need to apply through the Morling Residential College application process accessed via the website ([www.morlingresidential.com](http://www.morlingresidential.com)).
- Applicant needs to complete the scholarship application form

Documentation will need to be supplied as listed in both the CEF, MRC and scholarship application processes.

Recipients can reapply each year provided they continue to reside in Morling Residential Community.

**Selection Criteria:** In selecting applicants, preference is given to first year students and/or school leavers.

**Scholarship Duration:** The scholarship duration will be for an annual contract (41 weeks)

**Number of scholarships available:** A maximum of 3 CEF-MRC scholarships are available each year.

**Conditions of granting scholarship:**

- The scholarship must be commenced in the year it is awarded.
- A resident can only hold one scholarship, bursary or special offer at one time
- Deferment of the Morling Residential College – CEF Scholarship is not available.
- If the selected student fails to enrol, withdraws or is withdrawn from university or seeks deferment of their studies or wishes to undertake part-time study he/she must notify Morling Residential College and CEF whereupon the Scholarship will be cancelled or suspended as appropriate.
- Accommodation for 41 weeks is from MRC's designated contract start day in Semester One to MRC's allocated contract end day in Semester Two.
- The successful recipient is responsible for paying the Accommodation Security Deposit, the Cleaning Deposit and the Student Association. These payments do not form part of the Scholarship but rather indicates a commitment by the student to move into MRC. This commitment is then returned by MRC by holding a room for the student who pays this deposit.

The recipient student must consent for MRC and CEF to liaise together about their application. MRC will advise CEF and successful applicant once scholarship decisions are final.

**Payment:**

The scholarship will be credited towards accommodation charges in 2 equal instalments across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (at the start of each semester). Payment is subject to the resident continuing to be a full-time student (completing 3 courses) per semester.

## MRC Bursary Program

### About MRC Bursaries

MRC Bursaries are designed to provide assistance to those who are in financial difficulty and who are unable to cover the costs of their accommodation or are at risk of terminating their education early as a result. MRC Bursaries are granted on a case by case basis, and are assessed by the MRC Dean of Residents.

### Value of Bursaries

Bursaries offered are calculated on a case by case basis. All decisions relating to the granting of Bursaries are made by the MRC Dean of Residents and Morling College's Chief Operating Officer.

### Eligibility Criteria

In order to apply for an MRC Bursary, applicants must:

- Have been a resident in MRC for at least 6 months.
- Have demonstrated financial hardship (which must be proven) or experiencing an exceptional circumstance that is impacting their capacity to pay their accommodation charges.
- Be at risk of early termination without a bursary.

### Application Process

In order to apply for an MRC Bursary, applicants must:

- Complete the Scholarships and Bursaries application Form
- Provide bank statements for the preceding 3 months from all bank accounts.
- Where parents are covering the costs of accommodation, provide evidence that their parent's economic conditions have deteriorated in the last 3 months.
- Provide evidence of income (either from work or from Centrelink allowances).

### Bursary Conditions

In order to be granted an MRC Bursary, residents must:

- Demonstrate that they are currently experiencing financial hardship.
- Demonstrate an incapacity to cover their accommodation and living costs.
- Agree to and develop a budgeting worksheet outlining the amount of repayment that can feasibly be met on a fortnightly basis.
- Agree to all remaining accommodation charges being paid on a fortnightly basis by direct debit.
- Understand that a resident can only hold one scholarship, bursary or special offer at one time



- Agree to any other conditions outlined at the time the Bursary is granted.
- Consent to the MRC Dean and the MC Chief Operating Officer to together assess and determine the outcome of their application.

#### **Bursary Duration**

A bursary is granted for up to 6 months and if it is required after this time further consultation with the MRC Dean of Residents is required by the student.

#### **Number of Bursaries available**

There is no restriction on the number of times that a resident can apply for a bursary.

#### **Payment**

All bursaries will be granted in the form of reduced rental prices only.



## Application Form

Open this link and download the fillable PDF form

[MRC 2022 Scholarships and Bursaries Application Fillable Form.pdf\(Shared\)- Adobe Document Cloud](#)