

2018 Secondary Assistance Scheme

Applications close Friday 13 April 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family. The card must have been valid for more than 4 weeks prior to the application. The application is made by the parent/guardian for the student enrolled.



The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (blue card only)

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid during Term 1 (31 January 2018 - 13 April 2018). The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink. In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age.

Please note that a new application needs to be submitted each year.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application Forms are to be completed at the school in Term 1. **Applications close on Friday 13 April 2018.**

Late applications will not be accepted unless the student has arrived from interstate or overseas and enrolled after the end of first term.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. This amount will be paid directly to the school to reduce the contributions payable by the parent/guardian in years 10 – 12.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The clothing allowance of \$115 will be deposited into the parent/guardians bank account unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward it to the Schools Resourcing & Budgeting Directorate for processing. If you change any of your details please notify Schools Resourcing on 9264 4516.

How to apply:

If you are eligible to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please come into the front office to complete your form.

Please bring your health care card and bank account details.

ABSTUDY vs Secondary Assistance:

Parents and caregivers of Aboriginal students should note that an ABSTUDY school fee allowance of \$156 can be applied for with Centrelink.

Application forms are also available for an ABSTUDY supplement of \$79. If you have applied to receive ABSTUDY, then you are not eligible to claim Secondary Assistance as well.