SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION
Application Form 2027

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship. Northcott and The SpineCare Foundation proudly administer these important opportunities for funding and support of your tertiary education.

In brief, the scholarship offerings are;

The Gregory and Dolores Farrell Scholarship: for students attending university who use a wheelchair as a primary form of mobility. This includes students from NSW progressing to post-graduate study in Australia or abroad.

The Thomas K.F. Taylor Scholarship: for students attending university, who use a wheelchair as a primary form of mobility. Priority access is for those studying in the fields of medicine, health or science.

The Thomas Hepburn Lennox Scholarship: for past and present Northcott customers, with a physical disability attending university, TAFE College or other Accredited Training Organisation. Priority access is for those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Please refer to the Scholarship Booklet and Student Handbook for more information

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The various Scholarship Advisory Committees will determine applicant suitability for each of the scholarships outlined above. To be considered for one or more of the scholarships, please complete this application form or else respond to the questions alternate format (e.g. video).

Submit your application via email scholarships@northcott.com.au or post;

Scholarship Advisory Committee
c/o Northcott & The SpineCare Foundation
PO Box 4055
Parramatta NSW 2124

Your application and associated correspondence are treated as confidential.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT DETAILS

Surname: First Name:

Street Address:

Suburb: State: Post Code:

Phone: Email:

Date of birth: / /

Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What is the main language spoken at home?

What is your country of birth?

Are you, or have you been, a Northcott customer? ☐ YES – Years:

☐ NO

What is your main form of mobility?

☐ Wheelchair ☐ Walking-aide ☐ None ☐ Other

What is your disability?

YOUR STUDY AND CAREER PLANS

YOUR INTENTION TO STUDY

Name of course:

Institution name and campus:

Year of study (eg. 1st year, 2nd year):

Duration of course: years ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Course structure: ☐ Semesters ☐ Trimesters ☐ Terms ☐ Other – specify:

Have you received confirmation of enrolment? ☐ YES ☐ NO

YOUR EDUCATION HISTORY

Year completed school: Level attained (eg. year 12):

Qualifications:

Awards and academic memberships:

Have you been enrolled in study or are part-way through a tertiary course? ☐ YES ☐ NO

YOUR MOTIVATIONS

1. Please describe your strengths and areas of passion

2. Are there any particular challenges you envisage in engaging in tertiary education?

3. What are your career aspirations?

4. Why do you think you should be considered for a scholarship?

5. How important is it to you to pursue tertiary study?

6. How would you use scholarship funds if awarded?

7. Do you receive other funding, scholarships or grants (e.g. NDIS, iCARE, Research Training Program scheme, Centrelink payment/s)? Please list.

8. Are you currently engaged in work (paid or volunteer) or other community group/activity?

9. Please add anything else you would like to include to support your application.

REFEREES

Please provide details of two referees; these can be health, education or employment related. Please ensure at least one referee is familiar with your academic performance. Both will be contacted if you progress to the interview stage.

REFEREE 1

Name:

Phone: Mobile:

Email address:

Relationship / relevant role:

REFEREE 2

Name:

Phone: Mobile:

Email address:

Relationship / relevant role:

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Scholarships are only for students with a disability and/or those who use a wheelchair for mobility. Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, accepted into or enrolled in tertiary study in NSW. Students who meet the above conditions proceeding to post-graduate study within Australia, or at an internationally recognised institution, are also welcome to apply.
2. Applications must be lodged by the close of business on **Wednesday 20 January 2027** via email scholarships@northcott.com.au
3. Short listed applicants will need to attend an interview on **Wednesday 3 February 2027**, either in person at the Northcott, North Parramatta Office or via videoconference.
4. Successful applicants will need to produce evidence of enrolment prior to confirmation of award and release of payment. The scholarship is paid in two biannual instalments (February and August).
5. Awarded students must submit mid and end of year results, evidence of expenditure (receipts) as well as a short report on study experience and impact of scholarship support.
6. Unsatisfactory academic performance needs to be discussed with the associated Scholarship Advisory Committee and may impact continuation of scholarship.
7. Funding is for one year only, however awarded students are invited to apply for continuation of scholarship on the provision that scholarship conditions have been satisfied.
8. Change of circumstances (deferral of studies, change of course or pattern of study i.e. full-time to part-time study) needs to be communicated with the associated Scholarship Advisory Committee.
9. Unspent funds will need to be returned at the end of the scholarship year or otherwise negotiated with the associated Scholarship Advisory Committee.

DECLARATION

I declare that the information within this application is true and correct. I understand the conditions under which the scholarship is offered. If awarded, I agree to abide by the stipulated conditions above.

Full Name:

Signature: Date:

Please include a copy of your enrolment and/or most recent results if available.