

Springboard to Higher Education Bursary

Frequently Asked Questions for students and schools

FAQs for students

When and how do I get paid?

The scholarships team will ask you to complete some forms once you have accepted your bursary, including providing your bank details to make the payment.

Year 11

Your first payment will be made when we are able to confirm your full-time enrolment at your school/college (early March). Your payment will be made into your nominated bank account.

Year 12

Your second payment will be made when we are able to confirm your continuing enrolment in Year 12 at your school/college (early March) and that you have successfully completed Year 11. Your payment will be made into your nominated bank account.

University

When enrolment has been confirmed at the University of Tasmania (directly after completing Year 12 without a break), you will receive your first university payment into your nominated bank account in Semester 1 after census date in late March.

What can I spend my Springboard bursary on?

You can spend it on whatever you like. We hope it is for something to support your schooling and future study (eg. laptops, transport, books, art supplies, programs).

Donors appreciate knowing what kinds of things they are supporting. If you would like to drop us a note to let us know how you have used your bursary, you are more than welcome.

Do I need to provide receipts for what I spend my Springboard on?

No, this is not required at this point.

Do I need to repay the money if I don't finish Year 11/12 or don't go to university?

No*, you will not be asked to repay any money you have received.

*unless there is an administrative error where you are accidentally paid twice, or you withdraw from university before census date, but the scholarship office is not alerted in time.



FAQs for students

Who do I talk to if I have questions about my scholarship or payments?

We have a great team of people that are here to help you with any questions or issues.

Please email the University Scholarships and Prizes Office: Scholarships.Prizes@utas.edu.au if any of the following applies:

- You have any questions about the conditions of your Springboard bursary
- You have any queries about the payment of your bursary
- You need to change any details on your acceptance form
- You change your nominated bank account
- You are concerned you may have become ineligible for payment
- You intend to take a break from study between Year 12 and the first year of university

Who do I talk to about next steps and advice about going to university?

We have a great team of friendly people across the state that are here to help and can visit your school/college for a chat at any time!

In Year 11 and 12 they will be reaching out to you, to introduce themselves and to see if you would like to have a chat to them.

Your careers team/advisor, UniHub coordinators (Newstead College and Claremont College) can also help or assist you in setting up a conversation, or you can also contact them via email at any stage tas.future.students@utas.edu.au

Support may involve explaining your bursary, exploring pathways to university, visiting university campus, as well as guidance with accessing additional financial support and scholarships.

Does Springboard exclude me from other scholarships or support at university?

No! There are a large range of scholarships available at the University of Tasmania and you can access more than one, in addition to your Springboard.

Please see the question below on scholarships. Students can also access support from Centrelink and Services Australia.

Can I apply for other scholarships as well as have a Springboard at university?

Yes, you can.

Scholarships are not just for academic excellence, they are also provided for a variety of support including accommodation, travel, relocation to a university campus, and the general costs of studying.

There are also scholarships awarded for specific university courses and degrees, sporting ability and contribution to community.

Information can be found here: utas.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees-and-costs#scholarships

University of Tasmania scholarships (outside of Springboard) open at the end of August and you need to submit your application before they close on the 31 October, if you are in Year 12.



FAQs for students (continued)

Do I have to go to the University of Tasmania to receive a bursary following Year 12?

Yes, Springboard is to support students to study locally at the University of Tasmania.

Can I take a GAP year after Year 12?

GAP years are approved case-by-case. If you are considering a GAP year, please talk to the friendly team in the Scholarships Office as they will need to communicate your request with the donor of your Springboard Bursary.

It is important a reason is given for the GAP year (eg. employment, travel etc) for your scholarship money to be held for when you do enrol at university.

In most cases, a GAP year will be approved.

Will I have anything to do with the University as a Springboard student?

You will be contacted by different people from the University of Tasmania who are here to support you.

You may be invited to morning tea with a donor if you have received a specific bursary, or you may be asked to write a letter of note to a donor.

You will also be contacted by our Scholarships and Prizes team if they need details or information from you.

Our in-school support team will also be in contact to introduce themselves and let you know when they are visiting your school/college and how to drop in/make a time to see them.

Our whole team is here to support you at any stage with any questions you may have.



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Is there a University of Tasmania Springboard web page to direct parents/students to?

Yes, a web page has been created: utas.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees-and-costs/springboard-to-higher-education-program

What can a student spend their Springboard bursary on?

A student can spend it on whatever they like. The intent of the bursary is that is something that supports schooling and future study (eg. laptops, transport, books, art supplies, programs).

Donors appreciate knowing what kinds of things they are supporting.

If a student moves for Year 11/12, will colleges/schools know who their Springboard students are?

Not in the past, however when students are moving for year 11/12, we will be working to update colleges/schools with basic details of the students who have received the award so they can be supported (we will not be releasing values of bursaries).

If this can be captured in the EDI notes of a school for a student record, this would be helpful.

This will help us to contact these students within their school environment and support them with any questions they may have about their bursary.

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Can student's take a GAP year after Year 12?

Yes, in most cases. However there does need to be communicated to our friendly team in the Scholarships Office.

For larger donors, its important they know this is the case and where possible a reason is given for the GAP year (eg. employment, travel etc) for their scholarship money to be held for when they do enrol at university.

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