

CUC MARANOA

STUDY SUPPORT BURSARY

APPLICATION
INFORMATION



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CUC Maranoa is a part of the Country Universities Centre (CUC) network. This network consists of Regional University Study Hubs across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Each Centre is locally owned, governed and operated for the benefit of their local community.

CUC Maranoa supports all students studying any course through any provider. Students who register with CUC Maranoa can receive face-to-face academic support, study spaces, exam support, access to high-speed internet and technology, wellbeing, and a local learning community of other students from their communities.

Student Bursaries

At CUC Maranoa, we believe that where you live should never limit what you can achieve. Student bursaries provide vital support for learners balancing the demands of study with the unique challenges of regional life – whether that's travel, technology, or time away from paid work.

More than just financial help, bursaries send a powerful message: your dreams are valid, your effort is seen, and your community is behind you.

This support helps students stay motivated, connected, and on track to complete their education – strengthening not only their future, but the future of our region.



STUDY SUPPORT BURSARY

Study Support Bursary

CUC Maranoa is committed to supporting students living and learning in regional and rural communities.

The Study Support Bursary is designed to provide flexible financial support for local students who are registered with CUC Maranoa and enrolled in any Australian university, TAFE, or Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Each student is eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per calendar year. The bursary can be used in whatever way helps you most – textbooks, technology, travel, childcare, wellness, or other supports that make study possible.

Eligibility

We don't require receipts or a breakdown of your spending. Instead, we want to understand your motivations, goals, and what this support would mean for your study journey.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ You are currently registered as a Local Student with CUC Maranoa
- ✓ You reside within the Maranoa Regional Council area
- ✓ You are actively enrolled in an online course at a university, TAFE, or RTO
- ✓ You are actively engaged in your studies
- ✓ You provide thoughtful responses to all five application questions
- ✓ You provide a character reference

Application Rounds

The bursary is offered three times a year to align with university and training provider calendars:

- **Round 1:** Early in the year (Trimester 1/Semester 1)
- **Round 2:** Mid-year (Trimester 2/Semester 2)
- **Round 3:** Late in the year (Trimester 3/Semester 2)

You may apply in more than one round but can only receive up to \$1,000 per calendar year.

Successful Applications

If selected, bursary recipients agree to provide a short written statement within 6 months, outlining how the bursary supported their study journey, along with a photo from placement, residential school, or their study life. This will be used in CUC Maranoa reporting and community marketing.



STUDY SUPPORT BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

This application form is designed to help us understand your study journey, motivations, and how this bursary will support your success. Please answer each question thoughtfully and include the required supporting documents. Your responses help our panel make fair and informed decisions.

Applicant Details

Full Name:	
Residential Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Institution:	
Course of Study:	

Have you previously received this bursary during the current calendar year?

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YES

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NO

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I can confirm the information provided is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

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Confirmation of registration as a Local Student at CUC Maranoa

Staff Member: _____

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Signature: _____

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Please respond to the following five questions in a separate document, clearly labeled with your full name. Your responses help the bursary panel understand your goals, experiences, and how this support will make a difference. These responses form the basis of the selection process.

Selection Criteria

Question 1: What are you studying, and what inspired you to start this course?

(You might share what drew you to this course, how it aligns with your interests or goals, or the moment you knew this was the path you wanted to follow.)

Question 2: Tell us about a time you showed commitment, perseverance or creativity in your study journey.

(Think of a time when you kept going even when things were tough, found a way to solve a problem, or tried something new to make your study work for you.)

Question 3: What does being a registered student at CUC Maranoa mean to you?

(You could talk about the space, the support you receive, how it helps your motivation or organisation, or what it means to have this kind of access in your community.)

Question 4: How do you see yourself contributing to your regional or rural community — now or in the future?

(Tell us how your studies or future career might help you give back, build something, solve problems, or support others in rural areas like ours.)

Question 5: If awarded this bursary, what would it mean to you personally and practically?

(Rather than listing what you'd buy, focus on how it might ease pressure, give you confidence, allow you to say yes to something, or just help you keep going.)

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Required Supporting Documents

- Proof of enrolment (post census date)
- Proof of residence within the Maranoa Regional Council area
- Confirmation of registration as a Local Student at CUC Maranoa - CUC Staff will provide
- Character reference contact (from a non-family member who can speak to your commitment or character)

Character Reference 1

Name:_____

Phone Contact:_____

Relationship to you:_____

Character Reference 2

Name:_____

Phone Contact:_____

Relationship to you:_____

If successful, you agree to submit a short statement within 6 months of receiving the bursary describing how the bursary supported your studies. You also agree to provide a photo from your study life (e.g. residential school, placement, or study at CUC Maranoa) for use in community and stakeholder reporting.

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