

WRITING GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

There are a number of grants and scholarships available to USQ students. Some of these reward academic excellence, and some support further research and study. Others are designed to redress exceptional circumstances. The intention of most of them is to provide financial support and to make study accessible to more people.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF GRANTS

Some grants are specifically targeted at honours and postgraduate students to help them with further study in their field. These are usually made available through universities, government bodies or corporations. Information, forms and advice are available through relevant websites. For USQ information on grants, see the following site. <http://www.usq.edu.au/community/funding/grants/default.htm>

There are also grants specifically available to international students (<http://www.studentgrants.com.au/content.php/175.html>), and to Indigenous students (<http://www.rustica.healthsci.utas.edu.au/docs/indigenous-student-grants-and-scholarships.pdf>).

Other grants are like loans to help with the cost of study. For information on these, contact your university or banking institution.

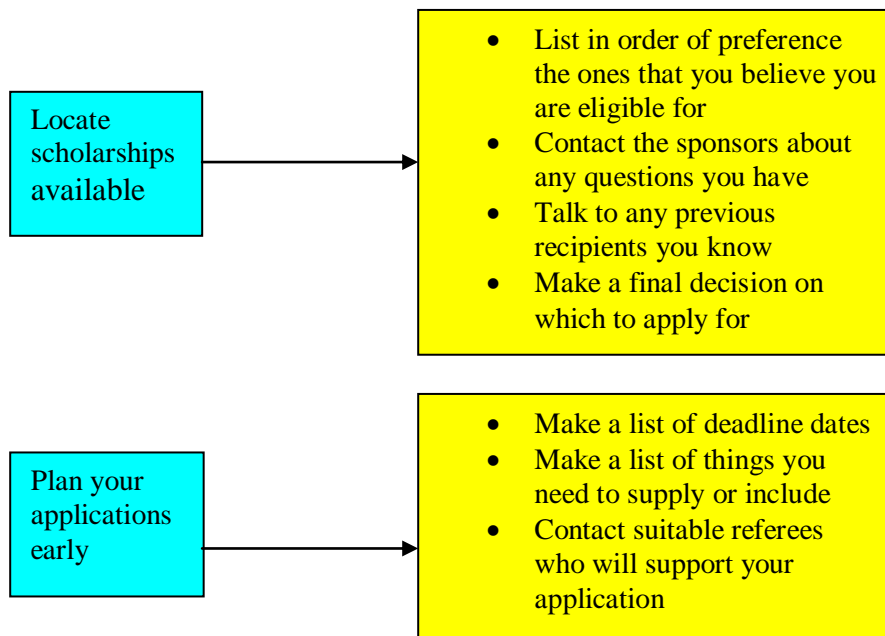
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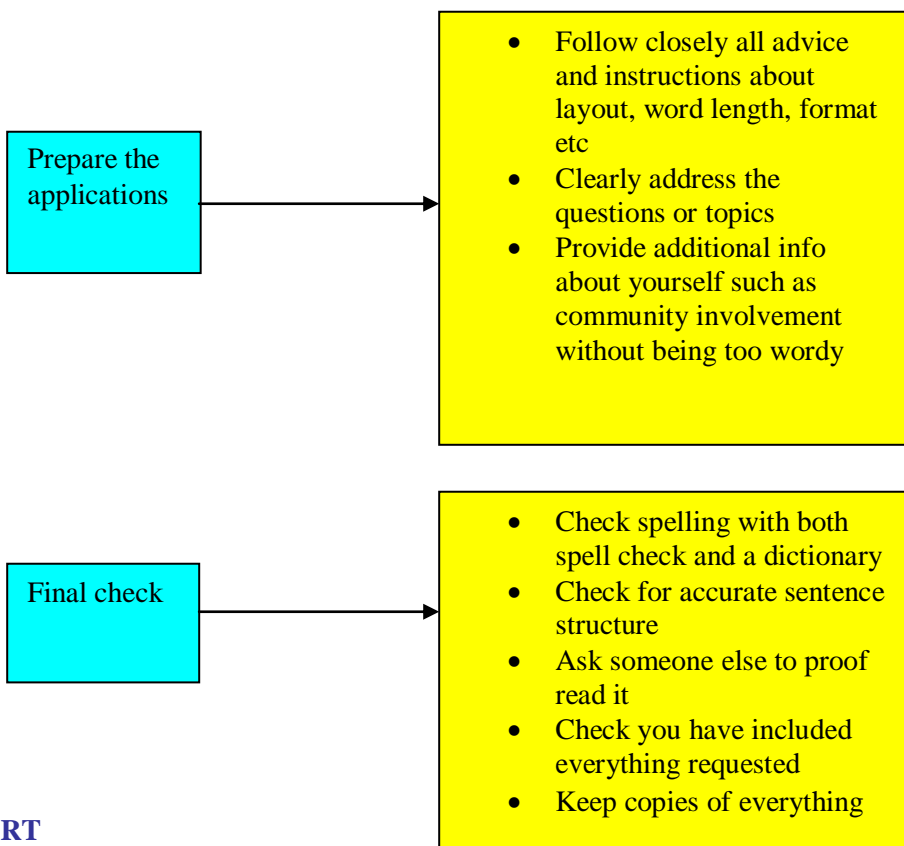
USQ also offers scholarships. Each has its own application form, which you can find online. Use the following link to find information on these: <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/default.htm>

There are also scholarships made available by QTAC. These are intended to help ease the financial burden of your studies <http://www.qtac.edu.au/Scholarships/Scholarships.html>.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Regardless of the assistance you are seeking, there is some general advice that you should follow. See below.





THE WRITTEN PART

Mechanical Accuracy

- Sponsors of all grants and scholarships are looking for applications that are well written and follow all instructions. They will appreciate an application that is grammatically correct, clear and easy to read. Use language that is formal yet uncomplicated. Use sentences that are correctly formed and are not too long. If you feel you need help with this, use the following site <http://www.usq.edu.au/extrafiles/tsu/justgrammarandme/index.html>.

Clarity

- If you are applying for a grant or scholarship based on merit, then the sponsors are looking to see what sets you apart from other applicants. It is important to show this through your experiences and actions, without glorifying them. It is important to include all extra activities, however small, that show your character and strengths.
- If you are applying for assistance based on circumstance, then you need to explain your situation honestly and clearly. Make sure your situation and your needs are identified, outlined and explained.

OTHER RESOURCES

- QUICK TIPS FOR STUDENTS <http://www.usq.edu.au/learningcentre/tips.htm>
- Online resources <http://www.usq.edu.au/learningcentre/alongline/>
Talk with a tutor at The Learning Centre (tlc@usq.edu.au)