



## YOUNG CARERS GRANTS PROGRAM Program Information

**Closing date 25 February 2019**

The Young Carers Grant Program aims to reduce barriers to education and increase social inclusion for young carers in Wollondilly aged 12-18. One off grants of up to \$1000 are available to young people living in Wollondilly for educational expenses, technology or social activities that help address the aims of the grant. Expenses can include but are not limited to individual educational tuition, Ipads, laptops, gym membership, dance classes and text books.

Young carers help care for a person or people, who are experiencing; a disability, a mental health condition, an addiction problem, a chronic illness or is frail aged. Young Carers often provide emotional and physical support to their care recipient. They may complete tasks which the care recipient would otherwise complete individually such as personal care, cleaning, assisting with medications, or keeping them company (Young Carers NSW).

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must

- live in Wollondilly
- be aged 12-18
- have caring responsibilities that impact their educational or social outcomes
- engaged in educational study such as high school or tertiary education provider such as TAFE
- require assistance to improve their educational attainment or social inclusion
- have evidence of caring responsibilities such as a letter or certificate from GP outlining illness or disability of the person being cared for
- have proof of citizenship or permanent residency
- have proof of age and identity (proof of age card, Birth Certificate or Driver's License)

### Instructions

1. You must submit your application using this application form by **5pm on 25 February 2019**
2. Only use the space provided as excess information will not be considered. Use dot points to convey your message more efficiently.
3. When you have completed your application, print it and have a parent or guardian sign approval for the application.
4. To submit either; scan and email the application to [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) or post/drop it in to Wollondilly Council during business hours at 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton.

Additional information may be requested to support your application.

If you require access to a computer or assistance in completing your application please visit Wollondilly Library during open hours.

Contact Council's Community Projects Officer (Youth) for further information on 4677 1100 or [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

### **Assessment**

Applications are assessed based on need by an independent panel.

#### Assessment Criteria

- Low income
- Caring load
- Degree of educational barriers or social isolation

#### Timeline

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| 1. Applications close   | 25/2/19                       |
| 2. Assessment by independent panel  | 5-7/3/19                      |
| 3. Request for verification (proof of identity, citizenship or permanent residency, proof of caring, proof of education attendance if required) | 12-25/3/19                    |
| 4. Verification process   | 26-28/3/19                    |
| 5. Successful candidates notified   | 1/4/19                        |
| 6. Distribution of items  | After successful notification |

### **Successful Applicant**

Successful applicants will receive their requested items or vouchers for an activity, not a cash grant.

Items requested must be through a registered business and must comply with Councils payment Terms and Conditions.

### **Exclusions**

Any illegal or age inappropriate item or activities will be excluded.