

## The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

The NSW Government has doubled the number of financial scholarships on offer for disadvantaged young people to stay in school and reach their education and training goals, Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams announced today.

Worth \$1000 a year, scholarship funds can be used for expenses like text books, course costs and computer equipment.

Students are eligible to apply if they are:

- Living in social housing, on the NSW Housing Register, receiving private rental assistance or living in crisis or supported accommodation or out-of-home care.
- Studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE, undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship or studying a Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject at school in 2018.
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Scholarship recipients can get financial support for over seven years – from Year 10 until the completion of tertiary education.

The program is a great example of how the NSW Government continues to work with our local community to help those most in need," he added.

Applications opened on Monday 22 January and close at 5pm on Friday 23 February 2018. To apply visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education.

Information on how to apply will be available on the Department of Industry - Lands website at <a href="https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au">www.crownland.nsw.gov.au</a>

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