

# Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary Scheme

The Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary Scheme supports career pathways to speech pathology, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy employment within the disability sector in either regional Ballarat or western metropolitan Melbourne (Melton). This scheme supports final year allied health students with a commitment to working in the disability sector by providing financial assistance and work experience opportunities as therapy assistants whilst completing the final year of their degree.

Bursaries valued at \$10,000 each are available to be awarded to final year allied health students studying speech pathology, occupational therapy, or physiotherapy in Victoria. Bursary recipients are required to commit to a two-year return of service at Pinarc Disability Support's Ballarat or Melton site upon completion of their degree.

## How to apply:

To apply for the Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary Scheme you must:

- Review guidelines and ensure you meet all eligibility criteria.
- Complete and submit the Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary application form and cover letter to [careers@pinarc.org.au](mailto:careers@pinarc.org.au)

## Eligibility:

To be eligible for the bursary applicants must:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Be currently studying full-time towards a degree in speech pathology, occupational therapy, or physiotherapy at a Victorian University.
- Be in the final year of studies.
- Commit to working with Pinarc Disability Support for two years full time post-graduation.
- Have completed, or will complete, at least one placement working with people with disability or in early childhood intervention.
- Be able to articulate the contribution they will make to Pinarc's vision and mission.
- Demonstrate a commitment to inclusion, social justice and human rights.
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- Provide 1 professional clinical placement referee.
- Provide 1 lecturer referee.
- Satisfactorily pass background safety checks (NDIS Worker Screen, NDIS Worker Orientation Module and Working with Children Check).

## How applications are assessed:

Bursary applications will be assessed by a panel at Pinarc Disability Support.

Applicants will be considered for a scholarship where:

- The applicant meets all eligibility criteria.
- The applicant has agreed to the return of service obligation.
- The applicant has provided written responses to the key selection criteria.

Applicants will be assessed according to how well applicants address the key selection criteria.

All applications submitted prior to the application closure date will be assessed by the panel and interviews offered to those short listed.

In keeping with our commitment to building an inclusive workplace that embraces and promotes diversity, we welcome applications from people who:

- Identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- Are accepted in their community as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- Identify as being culturally and linguistically diverse, or come from a background of same
- Fluently speak at least one language in addition to English.
- Identify as someone who has a recognized disability OR have some caring responsibility for a person with a recognized disability.

## How to accept a Bursary offer:

Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary offers will be made in writing to eligible applicants.

Successful applicants must accept the offer in writing accompanied with the signed bursary agreement.

## Payment of Bursary:

Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health Bursary payments are paid quarterly in the final year of study.

## Terms and conditions:

Successful bursary applicants must commit to working at Pinarc Disability Support (Ballarat or Melton site) for two years post-graduation and will be required to enter into a bursary agreement with Pinarc Disability Support. Applicants must abide by all obligations outlined in this agreement.

You may be required to repay the bursary amount in part or in full as per the bursary agreement if:

- this agreement is terminated for any reason.
- you do not commence the required service within 12 months of the completion of your approved course of study for any reason.
- you do not complete the required service for any reason.

Before accepting the Pinarc Disability Support Allied Health bursary successful applicants are advised to seek independent legal and financial advice on the bursary, the conditions attached to the bursary and the consequences if the recipient does not comply with these conditions.

A copy of the bursary agreement is available upon request from Pinarc Disability Support.

## Contact:

Please contact [careers@pinarc.org.au](mailto:careers@pinarc.org.au) for a copy of the application form, key selection criteria, bursary guidelines or a copy of the bursary agreement.