**1. Kids+ Allied Health Tertiary Education Scholarships: Description and eligibility**

**Scholarship description:**

The Kids Plus Foundation ABN 83 105 087 518 (**Kids+**) Allied Health Tertiary Education Scholarships will support current and former Kids+ clients undertake an allied health related tertiary[[1]](#footnote-1) qualification. Scholarships are available for Bachelor, Diploma or Certificate qualifications.

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit following an application process. The value of each scholarship is $2,500/$1,500 per annum for full-time/part-time tertiary courses. Scholarships will be awarded for the duration of course enrolment, up to a maximum of 4 years. Successful scholarship applicants will be paired with a Kids+ mentor.

Scholarship applications can be submitted for a future course of study. Scholarships will be awarded then paid to successful applicants between 4 to 12 weeks before the commencement the course.

The scholarships are aligned with our purpose of creating opportunities for the young people we work with.

For more information see section 2 and 3 of this document.

**Eligibility:**

Scholarship applicants will need to be, or have been, a client of Kids+ for a combined total of three years or more, accessing on average more than 20 hours of therapy services per annum

For more information see section 2 of this document.

**2. Scholarship Terms & Conditions**

This document outlines the Terms and Conditions for Allied Health Tertiary Education Scholarships (**Scholarship**) administered by Kids Plus Foundation ABN 83 105 087 518 (**Kids+**).

You must read these Terms and Conditions in full. In submitting an application or accepting a scholarship from Kids+, it is understood that you have read and agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Please note, if you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must read and consent to these Terms and Conditions on your behalf.

1. **Applications:** You must submit a completed Scholarship Application Form, agree to the Scholarship Terms and Conditions and provide all supporting documentation by the closing date (or any later closing date subsequently advised to applicants by Kids+).

Applicants are only eligible to receive one Kids+ Scholarship.

2. **Individual Applications:** Applications submitted jointly by more than one person will not be considered. Scholarships are awarded to an individual and cannot be shared.

3. **Late or incomplete applications**: If Your Application is received after the closing date or does not meet the requirements set out in these conditions Kids+ is not obliged to consider it.

4. **Applications not returned**: Your application will not be returned and will become the property of Kids+.

5. **Application costs:** You must meet all your costs associated with applying for the Scholarship.

6. **Scholarships on offer:** Kids+ may cancel any of the Scholarships on offer, whether or not advertised at any time, or reduce their advertised value, or reduce the period of the study in Kids+ absolute discretion.

7. **Eligibility criteria:**

**Initial eligibility criteria:** To be eligible for a Scholarship you must:

* be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
* have received services from Kids+ as a client for a minimum of 3 years; and
* have not previously been in receipt of a Kids+ Scholarship.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis that you will maintain an enrolled status in your approved course of tertiary or vocational education for the period of the course duration. Your scholarship may be terminated if your enrolment status changes.

**Ongoing eligibility criteria:** To be eligible for and retain the Scholarship you must also:

* maintain the minimum attendance required for the course;
* maintain your academic performance (minimum pass mark),
* adhere to the academic and administrative policies of the education institution at which you are enrolled;
* meet all the costs associated with your course, supported by receipt of the Scholarship;
* regularly meet with your Kids+ mentor; and
* provide confirmation of your circumstances during the term of the scholarship if requested by Kids+.

You must immediately notify Kids+ of any extenuating circumstances that may prevent you from meeting any of the ongoing eligibility criteria.

8. **Age restriction**: To be eligible for a Scholarship, you must be between 17-25 years (inclusive) of age when you commence the course.

9. **Reference checks**: You hereby consent for reference checks to be conducted and for the personal information provided in your application form to be used and disclosed to third parties to check the accuracy of the information provided and to determine your eligibility for the Scholarship.

10. **No deferral**: Unless otherwise approved by Kids+, you must commence your course by the date specified in scholarship application. Requests for scholarship deferment will be determined on an individual basis and at the discretion Kids+ CEO. A deferred commencement date will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Scholarships will not be paid while students are on leave of absence or on temporary withdrawal from their course.

11. **No transfer**: The Scholarship and Scholarship funds are personal to the successful applicant and are not transferable.

12. **Annual Report:** You must submit to Kids+ an annual report detailing progress against the purpose to which the scholarship was awarded. The report is to be a maximum of 1 page. The report is to be submitted by email to Kids+ CEO by no later than the 1 December each year. Report submitted to shauncannon@kidsplus.org.au

13. **Non-award of Scholarships:** Kids+ may at its discretion not award a scholarship(s) in any given year.

14. **Feedback:** Successful applicants will be informed by the CEO. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email and may request feedback on their application from Kids+.

15. **Exceptions:** Scholarship conditions are standard for all applicants. However, exceptions may be granted to applicants based on their individual needs and circumstances. Kids+ will use its discretion in this regard.

16. **Accepting your scholarship:** Successful applicants will receive an email detailing the scholarship benefits and payment timing. To accept the scholarship, you must advise the Kids+ CEO by email. If you do not wish to accept a scholarship that you have been offered, you must advise Kids+ CEO immediately in writing by email at shauncannon@kidsplus.org.au.

Kids+ reserves the right to change the title of the scholarship awarded depending on funding contributions from external parties.  Subject to the terms of these Terms and Conditions, once a scholarship has been allocated to an applicant, Kids+ will not change the recipient’s scholarship funding level or eligibility criteria.

17. **Payment of scholarship**: Payment of the Scholarship is at the discretion of Kids+. Scholarship payments will be paid as an annual lump sum directly into your nominated bank account approximately 4 to 12 weeks before the commencement date of your course.

18. **Use of scholarship**: Scholarship funds are untied but must be used at your discretion to support your studies. For example, the funds may be used:

* to repay any debt from the government related to the course; or
* to purchase books on the required reading list for the course; or
* support living costs during period of study

19. **Scholarship Termination**: Kids+ may terminate your scholarship if you have:

* discontinued from your approved course or have inactive enrolment;
* failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress;
* been suspended or excluded from your course;
* failed to provide Kids+ with information supporting satisfactory enrolment and the Annual Report.

The scholarship will be terminated if the education institute:

* ceases the course you have enrolled in;
* is or becomes insolvent, enters into liquidation or has a controller appointed (or similar); or
* terminates your enrolment in the course.

If your scholarship is terminated, you will not receive any further payments. You may be required to repay part or all of your scholarship, at Kids+ discretion.

20. **Repayment of your scholarship:** You will need to repay the scholarship if:

* you have been made a scholarship offer and paid a scholarship amount in error; or
* the scholarship has been terminated due to your breach of these terms and conditions, including misuse of funds.

You may need to repay all or some of the scholarship if:

* you do not meet the ongoing eligibility conditions of the scholarship; or
* you have been overpaid;
* your education institute terminates your enrolment in the course; or
* if there remains any unspent funds at the end of the course.

If your course is terminated because the education institute is or becomes insolvent, enters into liquidation or has a controller appointed (or similar) and you are a creditor of the education institute, you must repay to Kids+ any money received from a liquidator or controller.

If you are required to repay your scholarship, you must do so within 4 weeks of receiving the notification to Kids+ nominated bank account.

21. **Privacy and confidentiality**:These Terms and Conditions are confidential. Neither you nor Kids+ may, during the course of your study, or afterwards, use or disclose any confidential information shared under these Terms and Conditions. Kids+ will comply with all applicable privacy laws in relation to the scholarship.

22. **Scholarship and tax and or other Government payments**: Kids+ cannot give Scholarship recipients advice on any tax consequences of receipt of Scholarship funds or undertaking the course. You may wish to seek your own advice. Kids+ is not liable for the payment of any tax or any other obligations you may incur as a result of accepting a scholarship from us or undertaking the course. You are advised to seek appropriate financial advice prior to accepting a scholarship.

23. **Liability Waiver**: In accepting a scholarship from Kids+ you agree to indemnify (and keep indemnified), waive, release, and discharge Kids+, its officers, associates and partner organisations from any and all liability, including but not limited to: any liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may occur to you during or after the scholarship period, including during or after any travel undertaken as part of the scholarship.

We Kids+ is not liable to you if the course does not achieve the outcomes you desire as stated in your application. You agree that prior to submitting an application you have conducted reasonable and appropriate research regarding the course, education institute and the course outcomes. Kids+ is not responsible for assisting you to choose a course, complete any course requirements or determining whether the course will meet your goals.

24. **Contact Details**: All correspondence during the application process will be sent to the applicant’s nominated email address in the scholarship application form. It is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to inform Kids+ of any changes to their contact details. It is also the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to inform Kids+ if they change their place of school / tertiary institute for the course during their scholarship.

25. **Enquiries**: Any questions about these Terms and Conditions should be directed to:

Shaun Cannon

Kids+ CEO

shauncannon@kidsplus.org.au

03 5223 1475

**3. Scholarship Course Eligibility**

Supported courses include Bachelor, Diploma or Certificate qualifications. Kids+ may determine in its absolute discretion whether a course meets the eligibility for a Scholarship. **Course eligibility includes, but is not limited to:**

**i. BACHELOR**

**Audiology:** Audiologists work to preserve and improve the hearing of others. An audiologist focusses on conditions of the inner and middle ear. Audiologists conduct specialised tests to diagnose auditory disorders. Common techniques used to treat auditory disorders may involve the use of a hearing aid or other devices, such as cochlear implants. Once a diagnosis has been made the audiologist will develop a treatment plan.

**Dietetics:** Dietitians apply the art and science of human nutrition to help people understand the relationship between food and health. They have a key role in the management of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, gastrointestinal disorders, obesity, malnutrition, food allergy and intolerance. Dietitians also work toward the prevention of many diseases and conditions through nutrition education, health promotion and advocacy.

**Occupational therapy:** Occupational therapy aims to promote health and wellbeing among individuals and communities. It enables people to participate in the things they want and need to do such as community and family life, work, school, leisure, artistic and sporting interests, and self-care.

**Orthoptics**: Orthoptists are allied health practitioners who specialise in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of eye disease.

**Physiotherapy:** Physiotherapists gain knowledge and skills to formulate physiotherapeutic diagnoses and design appropriate programs of prevention, treatment and exercise.

**Podiatry:** Podiatrists skills and knowledge to prevent and treat disorders of the foot and ankle.

**Prosthetics and orthotics**: Prosthetics and orthotics are clinical disciplines that deal with artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supportive devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weakness or neurological disorders.

**Social work:** Social Workers gain knowledge and skills to enhance the wellbeing of others through an understanding of policy, socioeconomic factors and social equity issues.

**Speech pathology**: Speech pathologists assess, diagnose, treat and provide management and advocacy services to people with communication or swallowing disorders. People with communication disorders may have difficulties in speech, language, voice, fluency, and reading and spelling. Speech pathologists also work in the community in prevention.

**Sport and exercise science**: Exercise science prepares you to work as an expert in sport and exercise science, with an emphasis on community wellness. You’ll gain an understanding of the principles of human movement and study subjects such as exercise physiology, biomechanics and sports psychology.

**ii. CERTIFICATE**

**Certificate IV in Disability:**

The Certificate IV in Disability is the recognised qualification to become a disability support worker. Career opportunities, include:

• disability support worker in non-government residential services

• disability development support officer with the Department of Health and Human Services

• integration aide/education support

• support worker in employment services

• home care worker

• attendant carer providing respite care or personal care to people with disabilities

• community outreach worker

• support worker in day and adult services

• individualised support worker

• advocate

• various roles with the NDIS

**Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability):**

An entry-level qualification for working in disability services, which can mean working in a residential facility that services people with disabilities or for a community services organisation that provides disability services. Gain the skills and knowledge needed to support the personal care, wellbeing and daily activities of people living with an intellectual or physical disability.

**iii. DIPLOMA**

**Graduate Diploma in Disability Practice**

Provides essential knowledge and skills required to apply a person-centred approach to assisting those with a disability, as well as their families and carers. The course has been developed in accordance with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and focuses on building expertise in delivering specialised disability services, client support, intervention and management. Learn how to address challenging behaviour from a functional assessment perspective.

**iv. Other courses could also be considered upon request.**

**4. Scholarship Application Form**

**Applicant details:**

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Email:

Contact number:

Period of involvement with Kids+ as a client (years):

**Other contact person (if required):**

First Name

Last Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Email:

Contact number:

**Course Enrolment Details**

Name and level of course (e.g. degree, diploma, certificate):

Education institution:

Course duration:

Commencement date:

Full-time or Part-time:

Confirmation of enrolment (please attach):

**Referee**

First Name:

Last Name:

Contact number:

Relationship to applicant:

**Personal Story**

Part 1: What you like us to know about you? (up to 250 words)[[2]](#footnote-2)

Part 2: Why are you interested in undertaking this area of study? (up to 250 words)

**Please send completed application form to shauncannon@kidsplus.org.au**

1. ‘Tertiary’ – above school age [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If written application is not the most appropriate method of submission, please contact Kids+ to discuss alternative arrangements. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)