



THE NATIONALS *for Regional NSW*

Austin Evans MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY



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\$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS DOUBLED

Member for Murray Austin Evans has welcomed the NSW Government's doubling of the number of financial scholarships on offer for disadvantaged young people to stay in school and reach their education and training goals.

"I am encouraging young people from our local community to apply for the FACS Scholarships Program, this will help our most disadvantaged students get ahead," Mr Evans said.

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.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 23 February 2018.

To apply visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education.

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