

Tertiary Accommodation Grants Application Form

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Before you begin

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About Tertiary Accommodations Grants (TAG)

TAG supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people enrolled in tertiary studies with grants of up to \$10,000 to offset the cost of living while studying.

The grant is to help reduce housing stress for students so they can focus on their studies and successfully complete their course.

TAG is available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are:

- Living and studying in NSW
- Enrolled with any tertiary institutions located in NSW studying on campus or online in an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 5 Diploma and above
- Living in social/community housing or renting privately and paying 30% or more of their income to rent (accommodation costs).

This program is administered by The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO), a statutory body established under the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998 (NSW) to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to affordable, quality housing.

How to prepare for your application

Before you begin your application, we recommend that you:

- Read the TAG Guidelines for new applicants - FAQs
- Gather evidence related to your study, living situation, etc, because you'll be asked to upload them later.
- If you are unsure about any of these documents or need support with this application, please contact the TAG support team on TAG@aho.nsw.gov.au or call 0438 124 677

Disclaimer

I acknowledge and understand that: *

- Submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted
- The Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion
- Grants will be allocated until all funds are exhausted
- The Department may retain successful applications on file, in the event that more funding becomes available.

Applicant contact details

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Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Date of birth

Eligibility criteria

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To be eligible for TAG funding, students must be able to provide evidence that they meet all four eligibility requirements.

I can provide evidence that I am: *

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Enrolled in a full-time/part-time Diploma or higher course
- Living in social/community housing or spending more than 30% of my weekly income on rent
- Studying at an accredited education provider such as a university or TAFE in NSW

At least 4 choices must be selected.

You will be asked to upload documentation for each of these four criteria.

Are you currently studying at Newcastle University, Sydney University or Wollongong University? *

- Yes
- No

The AHO partners with the universities mentioned above, students will need to apply for TAG funding through those universities.

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To be eligible for TAG you must be able to provide evidence that you are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes
 No

Documents accepted: 1) a letter and/or membership from a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), or 2) a letter from a Registered Aboriginal Organisation (RAO), 3) a letter from a Registered Stolen Generation Organisation (SGO), or 4) a letter from a Torres Strait Islander Organisation (TSIO) registered under the Australia Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) or Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). If you do not have any of these documents, email your contact details to TAG@aho.nsw.gov.au and a representative will contact you to discuss further.

Confirmation of services

To be eligible to access AHO housing services and/or products applicants are required to provide evidence of their confirmation of Aboriginality.

Provide evidence to confirm eligibility for services *

Attach a file:

The AHO preferred evidence of confirmation of Aboriginality is: 1) a letter and/or membership from a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), or 2) a letter from a Registered Aboriginal Organisation (RAO), 3) a letter from a Registered Stolen Generation Organisation (SGO), or 4) a letter from a Torres Strait Islander Organisation (TSIO) registered under the Australia Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) or Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). If you don't have any of these documents, email your contact details to TAG@aho.nsw.gov.au and a representative will contact you to discuss further.

Student Identification *

Attach a file:

Student Card or USI number

Provide a brief statement about yourself and how TAG would help you with your studies. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Other scholarships

Are you currently receiving any other scholarships? *

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- Yes
- No

If yes, outline the scholarship name, amount and frequency of payments.

Previous Recipients

Have you received a Tertiary Accommodation Grant from AHO before? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, what year/s, and how much funding did you receive?

About your study

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To be eligible for TAG you must be studying at a tertiary education institution in NSW.

Name of education provider *

Level of study *

Course name *

Course start date (or intended start date) *

Must be a date.

Expected course duration *

Course load *

- Full-time
- Part-time

Attach evidence of enrolment at a TAFE or university in NSW. *

Attach a file:

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Letter of enrolment, unit transcript, support letter from educational provider, invoice or payment receipt for tuition.

Do you consent for the AHO contacting your education provider? *

- Yes
 No

If your TAG application is successful, the AHO will need to contact your education provider to verify documents.

About your living situation

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To be eligible for TAG you must be able to provide evidence that you are living independently (i.e. paying to live somewhere).

I live:

- On campus
 Off campus

Attach evidence of independent living in NSW *

Attach a file:

Documents accepted: Residential Tenancy Agreement in my name, rental bond notice in my name, letter from the real estate agent or landlord in my name. Social housing tenants must provide a letter from their housing provider or a rent ledger showing evidence of being in the household and paying rent.

Name of your Real Estate/landlord, accommodation provider? *

Email of your Real Estate/landlord/accommodation provider?

Phone number of Real Estate/landlord, accommodation provider? *

Do you consent for the AHO to contact your Real Estate/landlord/accommodation provider? *

- Yes
 No

If your TAG application is successful, the AHO will need to contact your accommodation provider to organise TAG payments.

Evidence of housing stress

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To be eligible for TAG you must be able to provide evidence that you spend more than 30% of your weekly income on housing. To show this, please include evidence of income and rent.

Attach evidence of income *

Attach a file:

Documents accepted: payslips, Centrelink income statement, Business Activity Statement (BAS), PAYG payment summary etc.

Attach evidence of rent *

Attach a file:

Documents accepted: Residential tenancy agreement outlining rent amount, rent notice, letter from the real estate/landlord, statutory declaration from a landlord.

How we handle the information you share with us

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Use of information

-----Use of information (1)

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and understand the following in relation to how my information will be used: *

- The Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act)
- In some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

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Privacy notice

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I acknowledge and understand the following about privacy in relation to this application: *

- The Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>).
- The information I provide to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.
- Has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Confirmation

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To be eligible for TAG students must have provided accurate information about themselves and their situation. They must also be willing to participate in surveys to help the AHO evaluate the TAG program.

I declare and confirm that: *

- The information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- All submitted documents are authentic and valid.

At least 2 choices must be selected.

Consent to participate in pre and post-grant surveys *

- I am willing to participate in a pre and post-grant survey to help the AHO evaluate the TAG program.