Department of Education

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2027

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Applications close - 9 April 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Government through the Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible low income families with secondary schooling costs.

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) consists of two components:

- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.
- $115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.

The full Student Allowances guidelines are available on the Department's website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The only Veterans' Affairs card that meets the criteria is the blue card as it is the only DVA card that is income tested.

- Student(s) are enrolled in Years 7-12 studying a full-time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.
- Concession card is valid some time within Term 1 and not expired at time of application.
- Students are listed on the applicant's concession card.
- Student concession cards are only accepted if the student is declared independent by Centrelink or if both parent and student have a concession card.
- Parent/guardian must not be a foster parent.
- Student must be attending school.
- Student was not born in 2008 or prior.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

- Application form must not be altered and must be completed in full.
- WA Student Number (also known as a SCSA number) can be found on school reports or ask your school.
- Submit the completed application to your school before the closing date.
- Applications can be submitted to the school via email and must include a copy of both sides of the concession card.
- Personal information collected will only be used for the purpose of managing the SAS. The Department will not disclose your personal information for any other reason. For further information on how the Department handles your personal information please refer to the Student Allowances guidelines.
- Enquiries about your application must be directed to your school.

Verification of concession card eligibility:

Parents have the following options to confirm they have met the concession card eligibility criteria:

1. Present your valid concession card with your application to the school for checking, or
2. Email a copy of both sides of your concession card with your application to the school.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Ensure application has been completed in full and all eligibility criteria has been met.
- Ensure parent/guardian information matches the concession card.
- Complete the school witness declaration.
- Complete the commencement confirmation section if the application form has been submitted before Term 1 commenced.
- If submitting applications in bulk through an electronic file, keep original applications and supporting documents filed securely at the school.
- If not submitting the applications through an online file, post **original applications** to the Department of Education and keep a copy on secure file at the school.

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LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation. Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

PAYMENTS

The Educational Program Allowance will be paid to the school and applied towards education program charges in the first instance. Any residual will be applied to the voluntary contributions (for years 7 to 10) or as negotiated with the parent/guardian (for years 11 to 12).

The Clothing Allowance will be paid to the parent/guardian nominated bank account unless indicated on the application form that you wish for it to be paid to the school. It can take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment. We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 31 May 2027.