



TRINITY
RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

2026 FEE ASSISTANCE

New resident scholarships and bursaries

We offer a range of financial support our residential community. It's an important way for us to give back and helps add value to the culture of our College.

Scholarships are generally merit-based, while bursaries* are needs-based. Some are awarded for the duration of your tertiary studies, while others are awarded for one year only.

We only offer financial support to residents who intend to live with us for the full academic year.^ You can only hold one award or discount at a time, usually the one of the highest value. All awards are applied pro-rata to your Accommodation Fees per semester.



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I chose to live on campus at Trinity Residential College for three main reasons: the beautiful grounds, the supportive staff and the friendly community. Coming from the forested South-West coastline of WA, I worried that adjusting to city life would be hard, but the College's gardens and native plants made me feel right at home.

The best thing about College is that you immediately become part of a community who really care. Moving from a rural area to the city can be tough, especially if you don't know many people, but the College's commitment to wellbeing and support helps make the transition so much easier. Of course, you do need to put yourself out there, but everyone's in the same boat and there's always someone ready to help.

Before starting university, I was concerned about how I'd afford the experience and had planned to get a part-time job after moving to Perth. When I found out I'd been awarded a scholarship I felt an incredible sense of relief. It's made a difference in so many ways, but most importantly, it's given me the freedom to fully enjoy both my studies and social life. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to focus on my education without the stress of juggling work – it has taken a huge weight off my shoulders.



*Bursaries are confidential arrangements between the resident and the Head of College and will not be publicly recognised.

^Should the resident break their Academic Year Accommodation Contract and leave early, the scholarship, bursary or discount must be paid back to the College in full within 14 business days.

Excellence Scholarships

Thrive Fellowship

\$7,280 or \$4,000 subsidy for a duration determined by the Head of College. Up to 5 awarded per annum.

Thrive Fellowships are available to new residents only. To be eligible, you must be a Domestic (Australian) or International student enrolled at any Western Australian University.

The total value awarded will depend on the competitive nature of your application, which will be assessed by the Head of College. Fellowships may be awarded for a single year, or for the duration of study.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Thrive Fellowship the applicant must have achieved excellence or elite performance in:



LEADERSHIP



CREATIVE
ARTS



ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



SPORTS

You must also meet one of the following criteria:

- have experienced specific hardship, disadvantage or circumstance that is likely to be a significant barrier to your university aspirations, or
- are the first-generation in your family to be enrolled at university, or
- are a First Nations persons, or
- come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in undergraduate or postgraduate study, in your discipline at your chosen university.

Thrive Award

\$3,400 subsidy for one year only. Up to 5 awarded per annum.

To be eligible, for a Thrive Award as a new resident you must be a Domestic (Australian) or International student enrolled at any Western Australia University.

Eligibility criteria

To be qualify for a Thrive Award, you are required to demonstrate a high level of commitment to your studies with appropriate progress and achievement. You must also demonstrate contribution to your school, university, or the wider community. A letter of recommendation from your school must be included in your application.

For example consideration will be given to:

- experience in leadership roles
- participation and contribution to charitable or service-related activities or groups, and/or environmental and sustainability projects
- involvement and contribution in debating, music (instrumental, vocal, solo or group), composing, drama, dance or other performance groups, visual, arts, crafts, design, film making, directing and writing.

Academic Scholarships

Bachelor of Philosophy Thrive Scholarship

\$7,200 subsidy for new residents with an ATAR of 99 to 99.90, for the duration of an undergraduate course.

\$4,000 subsidy for new residents with an ATAR of 98 to 98.95, for the duration of an undergraduate course.

Bachelor of Philosophy Thrive Scholarships are available to students enrolled in The University of Western Australia's Bachelor of Philosophy program. This College component of this scholarship is tenable for the normal duration of an undergraduate degree.

To maintain this scholarship you must maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 80, or higher, and ensure that your engagement in the wider community meets the expectations of the Head and Deputy Head of College.

Fogarty or Winthrop Thrive Scholarship

\$4,000 subsidy for the duration of an undergraduate course.

Fogarty or Winthrop Thrive Scholarships are available to students who have been awarded Fogarty Foundation or Winthrop Scholarship from the University of Western Australia. The College component of this scholarship is tenable for the normal duration of an undergraduate degree.

To maintain this scholarship you must maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 80, or higher, and ensure that your engagement in the wider community meets the expectations of the Head and Deputy Head of College.

Trin Connect Scholarship

\$3,400 'top-up' subsidy for one year only.

This scholarship is available to recipients of The University of Western Australia's UWA Connect Scholarship. The Trin Connect Scholarship serves as a 'top-up' to the UWA Connect Scholarship for the first year of residence only.

Ada Purnell Academic Scholarship

\$3,400 subsidy for one year only. Up to 5 awarded per annum.

New residents who are beginning full-time, first year studies at any WA university and have achieved an ATAR (or equivalent) of 97.0 or greater are eligible to apply for an Ada Purnell Academic Scholarship. The College component of this scholarship is awarded in the first year of college residence only. A letter of recommendation from your school must accompany the application.

Additional Financial Support

Head of College Bursary

Trinity Residential College has a small number of bursaries available to provide financial assistance to prospective or current residents who wish to live at the College but may not be in a financial position to do so. These bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Head of College and are confidential.

Any resident seeking financial assistance should arrange a meeting with the Head of College. During this you must demonstrate attributes of effort and engagement and will need to provide evidence of financial need.

Expectations

“For of those to whom much is given, much is required.” – John F. Kennedy

Trinity Residential College scholarship and bursary recipients are expected to engage thoroughly in College life. Engagement will be reviewed upon a semesterly basis and must include:

- participation at a minimum of three (3) Inter-College sport events as an athlete or spectator
- attendance at whole College events such as LipDub and Relay for Life
- involvement in student led activities such as STUMPS and Wickets
- regular participation in Intrinsic Program events
- sound academic progress; recipients of an academic scholarships must maintain a WAM of 80 or higher.
- Thrive Fellowship, Bachelor of Philosophy and Fogarty scholars are required to mentor other/new scholarship recipients.

How to apply

Applications for a scholarship can be made via our website. Bursaries are by appointment only.

Scholarship applications are open will close on Tuesday 23 December 2025. Late applications will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of College management.

When preparing your application, please ensure that you include the following information:

- a personal statement in support of application. This statement should address the criteria of the Fellowship, Scholarship and/or Award you are applying for
- a copy of your most recent School Report, University Entrance results and University Results (if applicable)
- a letter of recommendation from a School Principal, senior staff member or community leader
- the name and contact details of a referee
- any other supporting documentation which you feel is relevant to your application.

If you intend to be considered for a bursary, please contact our Admissions Team who can arrange for a confidential discussion with our Head of College.

Once applications have closed the College will complete a thorough assessment process which may take up to six-weeks. Further verification of evidence may be required and as such your referees may be contacted.

You will then receive an outcome notification prior to the commencement of your Accommodation Contract. If successful, you will receive a Letter of Award which will further outline the terms of your scholarship or bursary.

Finally, don't forget that you can only apply for a scholarship, bursary, or discount if you intend to live with us for the full academic year. If you are successful in applying for an award and decide to drop out, or defer your studies part way through your stay, the used value is payable back to the College in full.[^]

For more information and to apply, visit: trc.uwa.edu.au/scholarships