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New Chances for Children Scholarships Awarded

Mallee Family Care is thrilled to announce the newest round of scholarship recipients through their philanthropic arm, the Chances for Children Foundation (Chances).

Chances scholarship program removes barriers to education and opportunity by providing financial assistance and support to young people aged 24 and under to help them pursue an education and chase their dreams.

In this round, 14 scholarships have been awarded to local young people in our community, including 11 Tertiary and 3 Non-Tertiary scholarships.

Eighteen-year-old Taylor Gregg from Boeill Creek has received a Tertiary scholarship to study a Bachelor of Psychological Science and Criminology at Flinders University in Adelaide. The scholarship will help support some of the costs associated with moving away from home to study, allowing Taylor to focus on her education.

“Chances funding will assist me with the costs associated with studying which will allow me to focus more on my studies and make the most of the amazing opportunities available during my degree.” Taylor said.

Taylor chose this course as she has always had a passion for understanding crime, the justice system, and factors influencing behaviour.

“I’m passionate about learning why crime occurs and how society can respond in ways that support both justice and positive change.” Taylor said.

“I believe that there are lots that can be done in order to assist people in rural communities in order to prevent and discourage crime rates, as well as ensure that youth offenders are shown the correct amount of support in order to prevent them from continuing down the wrong path.”

“I am excited for where this course can take me in the future because I am very determined to give back to smaller communities and assist the people who live there.”

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet said Chances is proud to be empowering local young people to achieve their full potential.

“Every young person deserves to have access to education and opportunity, regardless of their background or personal circumstances,” Ms Jayet said. “These scholarships are an investment in their potential and in the future of our region.”



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To date, over 2,250 scholarships have been awarded to young people in our community. Many recipients have completed their higher education locally or outside the Mallee and returned to the region with their skills.

Applications for Tertiary and Non-Tertiary scholarships will reopen August 2026, Keeping Kids at Secondary School scholarships are open year-round. For eligibility criteria and further information, visit chancesforchildren.com.au or call Mallee Family Care on 1300 417 618.

Mallee Family Care and Chances congratulate all our new recipients and wishes them every success in their educational journeys.

Tertiary scholarships

Recipient	Hometown	Degree
Eddie Andronescu	Red Cliffs	Bachelor of Agriculture University of Melbourne, Melbourne
Ruby Bower	Swan Hill	Diploma of Community Services SuniTAFE, Swan Hill
Kai Frost	Buronga	University Preparation Course (Engineering) UNSW, Sydney
Rayden Garner	Woorinen South	Bachelor of Commerce La Trobe University, Bundoora
Hudson Garner	Woorinen South	Diploma of Sport and Diploma of Leadership and Management Swinburne University, Melbourne
Taylor Gregg	Boeill Creek	Bachelor of Psychological Science and Criminology Flinders University, Adelaide
Angelina Krivec	Gol Gol	Diploma of Nursing SuniTAFE, Mildura
Lockjak Nending	Mildura	Bachelor of Health Science Monash University, Melbourne
Negar Rezaei	Mildura	Bachelor of Health Science Monash University, Melbourne
Joey Umbach	Mildura	Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) RMIT University, Melbourne

Non-Tertiary scholarships

Recipient	Hometown	Field
Nick Oliver	Kerang	Cricket
Aydin Yazici	Red Cliffs	Tennis
William Talent	Merbein	Show jumping

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