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Chances for Children scholarships now open

Mallee Family Care is delighted to announce scholarship applications for the Chances for Children Foundation are now open.

As the philanthropic arm of Mallee Family Care, Chances for Children has been supporting young people across the Mallee for 25 years, helping them pursue education, personal development, and opportunities to reach their full potential.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year are available across a range of areas including:

- **Tertiary Scholarships** – supporting university, TAFE, or apprenticeship studies.
- **Non-Tertiary Scholarships** – aimed at students pursuing opportunities in music, sport, leadership, or the arts at state level or beyond.
- **Keeping Kids at Secondary School Scholarships (KK@SS)** – helping students in Years 11 and 12 remain engaged in their education.

Mildura siblings Alice and William Siale are chasing their basketball dreams with the support of a Chances Non-Tertiary scholarship. Both have loved basketball from a young age, playing for Workers Warriors and Mildura Heat at junior and senior levels and participating in the Country Victoria pathway.

However, pursuing sport at higher levels can come with significant travel and expenses.

“We love living in Mildura and we have great access to sports and facilities, but it’s a long way when you want to reach the next level. It means a lot of travel and expenses, so Chances for Children really helped us to continue achieving our goals,” said Alice.

William added, “It has really helped our parents with the expenses involved with all the travel we need to do so we can continue working towards our goals.”

Alice hopes to progress through the state pathway and dreams of playing college basketball in the United States, while William aims to take every opportunity to compete at the highest level possible.

Mallee Family Care CEO, Teresa Jayet, says it is a privilege to have supported so many local young people in pursuing their dreams.



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“To date, the foundation has supported more than 2,250 students,” she said.

“Earlier this year, we celebrated our 25-year milestone, an incredible achievement made possible by the generosity of our donors and the support of our community.”

The foundation continues to remove financial barriers, empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Applications for the last round of the year are now open. Young people aged 24 and under living or studying in the Mildura, Swan Hill, Wentworth, Balranald, Gannawarra, Buloke, Broken Hill, and Greater Wakool Ward regions are encouraged to apply.

Interested students and families can apply online or find out more about eligibility criteria by contacting the Chances team on 03 5023 5966, email chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au or visiting our website chancesforchildren.com.au

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