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Mallee Family Care celebrates 2024 Chances for Children scholarship recipients

Ten young people from across the Mallee have received financial support to pursue education and realise their dreams thanks to a Chances for Children scholarship.

Established in 2000, Chances for Children (Chances) is the philanthropic arm of Mallee Family Care. Through an annual scholarship program, Chances assists 14-25-year-olds to stay in school, undertake tertiary studies and take sporting or musical talents to state or national level.

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet announced the 2024 Chances scholarships this week, commending each awardee for their passion and commitment.

“We warmly congratulate these incredible young people, who are chasing their dreams through education and sporting endeavours,” Ms Jayet said.

“Chances for Children was founded on the premise that everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their circumstances or where they live. Chances scholarships are an investment in our youth, and our community.”

Among the latest scholarship awardees is 18-year-old Taylan Saritoprak from Mildura, who has been accepted into a Diploma of Business at Deakin University. Fellow recipient Kylie Leviston of Ouyen will study Occupational Therapy at Charles Darwin University. Scholarship funds will assist both Taylan and Kylie to cover costs associated with living away from home to study.

15-year-old Isabell Alchin has been selected to represent Australia at the 2024 National Track and Field Tour in Canada. The Red Cliffs sprinter has been awarded a Chances scholarship to help cover overseas travel expenses.

“I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to attend if I didn’t have the support from Chances,” Isabell said.

“Chances has given me the confidence to push myself harder than before, I have got further into athletics than I thought was possible. I am excited for the new athletic season ahead with the new skills I have gained from my experience.”

Ms Jayet acknowledged the many individuals, community groups and businesses whose contributions helped fund the annual Chances scholarship program.



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Over the past 24 years, more than 2000 young people have benefitted from a Chances scholarship,” she said.

“This would simply not be possible without the generosity of our many donors, fundraisers and community partners who recognise and value the impact education can have on a young person.”

Ms Jayet encouraged the local community to consider donating or fundraising for Chances for Children and urged young people to consider applying for a scholarship when the next round of scholarship applications opens on 26 August 2024.

Scholarship categories include:

- Keeping Kids at Secondary School
- Tertiary
- Non-Tertiary

For eligibility criteria and more information about the program visit chancesforchildren.com.au or call Mallee Family Care on 1300 417 618.

Congratulations to the 2024 Chances for Children scholarship recipients:

Category	Recipient	Hometown	Details
Non-Tertiary	Isabell Alchin	Red Cliffs	Invited to represent Australia at the 2024 National Track and Field Tour in Canada
Tertiary	Kylie Leviston	Ouyen	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Charles Darwin University
Tertiary	Olivia Quince	Wentworth	Bachelor of Archaeology, Flinders University
Tertiary	Matisse Hill	Gol Gol	Bachelor of Law, Monash University
Tertiary	Tyler Harris	Irymple	Advanced Diploma of Agriculture and Agribusiness, Longerenong College
Tertiary	John Nghiem	Mildura	Bachelor of Science/Masters of Teaching, University of Melbourne
Tertiary	Molly McBride	Rufus	Bachelor of Arts (History), University of Wollongong
Tertiary	Emily Plant	Red Cliffs	Bachelor of Marine and Wildlife Conservation, University of Adelaide
Tertiary	Taylan Saritoprak	Mildura	Diploma of Business, Deakin University
Tertiary	Mikayla Gregg	Boeill Creek	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, University of Sunshine Coast



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