

APPLICATION FOR ESTEEM AWARD PROGRAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION


About the award:

The ESTEEM Award aims to facilitate entry to undergraduate study at USC by providing a pathway to tertiary studies and access to social and financial support. By completing USC's Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) program, students will prepare for further university studies and will be financially assisted whilst doing so. Benefits may include assistance with costs related to transport to and from the University, childcare support, course equipment, printing, and access to internet services.

Students supported through the award will develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed at university by completing four TPP subjects over two consecutive semesters. On completion of the TPP program, students can apply for entry into most USC undergraduate programs. ESTEEM applicants can also apply for additional scholarships to assist them during their undergraduate studies.

Under the ESTEEM Award, TPP can be completed in one semester (13 weeks) as a full-time study load or over two semesters as a part-time study load.

Instructions:

- This form is in a fillable PDF format. Ensure you have installed the latest free [Adobe PDF Reader](#) from the Adobe website onto your computer
- Save this application form to your computer and type in your responses
-  Where this icon appears, you must provide supporting evidence
- Email your completed application and any supporting documents to esteem@usc.edu.au
- If you require any assistance with your application, please contact us using the information provided below
- This application is for the ESTEEM Award for a student undertaking TPP - you are not required to complete a QTAC application

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this award, applicants must be:

- A parent who is the primary carer of their child or children, who was unable to finish year 11 or 12 due to becoming a parent, and who is not financially supported by any other person
- Able to demonstrate financial hardship and that they would not be able to study without additional financial support
- An Australian/New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa holder

Enquiries and Lodgement:

Submit your application and supporting documents to the following email address. Please ensure that you have completed all relevant sections of the application and that you have attached all required supporting documentation before submitting. For enquiries and further information, please refer to the contact details below:

Email: esteem@usc.edu.au

Website: www.usc.edu.au/esteem

Tel: (07) 5456 5800 (USC Gympie) or (07) 5456 5610 (USC Fraser Coast)

Office hours: Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name:	Given name/s:	Date of Birth:
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Residential address

Number and Street:		
Town or Suburb:	State:	Postcode:

Mailing address As above

Number and Street / PO Box:		
Town or Suburb:	State:	Postcode:

Mobile number:	Other daytime phone number:
Email address:	

2. PERSONAL STATISTICAL DETAILS▶ **What is your residency status in Australia?**

- Australian Citizen
 New Zealand Citizen (or diplomat or consular representative)
 Permanent resident visa (excluding New Zealand Citizens)
 Permanent humanitarian visa holder

▶ **Country of birth:** ▶ **If not born in Australia, what year did you arrive in Australia?** ▶ **Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?** Yes No ▶ **Is English your first language?** Yes No **If no, what is your first language?** **3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**▶ **List the details of any post-secondary education beginning with your most recent study** (leave blank if not applicable)

Institution/School	Name of Qualification	Level of Award (e.g. Cert IV)	Complete/Incomplete	Year completed or last year enrolled

4. PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES▶ **What is your ideal career?** ▶ **How many hours are you able to commit per week to university studies?** hrs/week▶ **What additional assistance are you likely to require to support your completion of TPP?**

- Tutoring Transport Childcare Textbooks and Stationery Printing costs

Other

- ▶ Following successful completion of the TPP program, what degree would you like to study?

- ▶ Would you be prepared to incur a HECS-HELP debt to complete a degree? Yes No
- ▶ Do you have a disability or ongoing medical condition that may affect your studies? Yes No

Note: This information is treated confidentially and used solely to determine any additional support you may require to successfully complete your studies with USC.

5. PERSONAL STATEMENT

- ▶ Please briefly outline why you want to study for a university degree (Maximum 200 words).


6. FINANCIAL NEED

- ▶ Which of the following best describes your current living situation? (you may select more than one option)

- Single
- Partnered
- Wholly or partially supported financially by family other than partner or spouse
- Financially independent
- Living with parents/at family home
- Living in own home

- ▶ Number and ages of children in your care


- ▶ Do you receive any Centrelink income support payment (excluding Family Tax Benefits)? Yes No

 If Yes, you must provide a copy of a recent Centrelink statement with your application

- ▶ Are you dependent on a parent/guardian or partner/spouse who receives any Centrelink income support payment on your behalf? Yes No

 If Yes, you must provide a copy of their recent Centrelink statement with your application

- ▶ Do you have other income from paid work?


No Yes – If Yes,  provide 3 recent payslips with your application

How many hours on average do you work per fortnight in paid employment?

- ▶ Do you receive Rent Assistance? Yes No

- ▶ What is your gross average fortnightly income from all sources? (Note: Gross figures are before tax is deducted)

Source of income	Amount
Centrelink income support payment (excluding family tax benefit)	\$
Employment	\$
Partner or spouse income	\$
Other / please specify:	\$
Total:	\$

 Attach evidence of income from all sources (e.g. Centrelink income statement, copies of three recent pay slips for yourself, partner or spouse)

7. STUDENT DECLARATION

You must read and accept all conditions in the following declaration before submitting your application. Your application cannot be considered unless you accept these conditions. By submitting this form you also:

- declare that to the best of your knowledge and belief, the information you have supplied in this application is true, correct and complete
- understand that if you provide incorrect or incomplete information this may result in the cancellation of any ESTEEM Award offered by University of the Sunshine Coast
- authorise the University to verify any information provided concerning your status as required under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*
- understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1955 (Commonwealth)*
- recognise that it is your responsibility to provide all required documentation
- understand that your application will be reviewed by a selection panel in accordance with USC's Policies and Procedures

Student's full name:

	Date:

Student's signature:

PRIVACY STATEMENT

USC collects, stores and uses personal information only for the purposes of administering student and prospective student admissions, enrolment and education. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. For further information, consult the University's Privacy Policy at: www.usc.edu.au/privacypolicy