Accelerate Program Scholarship Funds Expense Guide

What can you use your scholarship money for?

YES

- School fees
- Course tuition fees
- School/ University textbooks
- Tutoring services related to your course subjects
- Computer/ Laptop (up to $2000)
- Educational computer software (excluding games)
- Headphones for study purposes (up to $200)
- Printer
- School uniform and course specific uniforms
- Approved school shoes or sports shoes (up to $200)
- Textbooks
- Course materials such as workbooks, study guides, stationery
- Course tools such as calculators
- Specialist course equipment: such as musical instruments, art materials (related to education/training)
- Home office furniture: study desk, light, or office chair
- Public transport costs: myki cards, Opal cards or equivalent transport passes used to travel to places as required for study purposes
- Extra-curricular activities: fees for sports, music, drama or other school related activities
- Contribution to HECS (Higher Education Contribution Scheme)
- Personal items: relating to academic performance such as reading glasses
- Examination fees: Costs associated with taking exams, including any prep courses, practice exams, seminars

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MAYBE

Written permission required from Accelerate Program team

- Contribution to living expenses (if having to live away from home due to your course of study)
- Appropriate clothing required for work experience, work placements, or internships to be completed in connection with your course of study
- Mobile phones if necessary for your course of study (up to a certain limit, based on written request)
- School excursion and event costs: year level excursions, events and camps (excluding overseas trips)

NO

- Home appliances for family members (TVs, microwaves etc)
- Smart watches
- Car, car registration or fuel and driving lessons
- Gaming software
- Interstate or overseas trips or holidays
- Gym fees
- Alcohol/ food/ meals
- Social events and parties
- Accommodation costs not relating to study/ education
- Mobile phone bills, electricity or utility bills
- Makeup and skin care
- Non-uniform clothing and footwear such as the latest brand sneakers (excluding uniforms and specialist sports shoes)
- Medical expenses
- Gifts (to partners, friends, family members, teachers etc)
- Social media and streaming subscriptions

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How to request approval to purchase a special item that you are unsure of?

When asking for permission, you will be required to send an email to accelerateschola rship@abcn.com.au with your name and answers to the following questions:

- What do you want to buy or spend the money on specifically? (Describe the item or service you need.)
- How much will it cost and are there any additional costs associated? (Provide the total amount you need for this expense.)
- How will you use it for your studies? (Describe how this will support your learning or academic goals.)
- Can you provide a receipt for this expense? (Explain how you will show receipts or evidence of the purchase.)
- Have you discussed this with your mentor/school representatives, and do they feel that this is an appropriate use of your scholarship funds?

Steps to Get Approval

1. Write down your answers to the questions above – remember the more information that you can provide to us the better!
2. Check your answers with your mentor, teacher or a parent.
3. Submit your request via email to accelerateschola rship@abcn.com.au for review.

Remember!

All expenses must have a receipt that is uploaded to the WEEL expenses app.
Always keep your receipts and documents related to your spending. This will help you track what you've used your funds for and can be important for future scholarship applications.

Inappropriate use of scholarship funds may result in a 'pause' being placed on your Scholarship WEEL expenses card which will stop the card from working. Continued misuse of the funds may result in a cancellation of your Scholarship.
If you have any questions or need help, don't hesitate to ask your ABCN school contact or the Accelerate Scholarship team: acceleratescholarship@abcn.com.au
Guidelines are subject to change at ABCN Accelerate team discretion.