

DEAKIN YOUNG INFLUENCER AWARD



Frequently asked questions

When will I find out if I have been successful?

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by Wednesday 2 November 2022 via email, using the email address provided in your application.

When will I receive the award payment?

Winners will receive a payment of \$500 at your school's 2022 awards ceremony. The remaining \$4500 will be received across your first year of undergraduate study at Deakin University in 2024.

Can I defer this payment if I take a gap year?

To be eligible to receive the remaining \$4500 payment, you must commence your undergraduate studies at Deakin University in 2024 (any intake period).

I'm an international student living in Australia – am I eligible?

Absolutely – we welcome applications from both domestic and onshore international students.

How will winners be selected?

Your school will select the winning student based on the selection criteria outlined. The successful recipient will demonstrate outstanding achievement or contribution in one or more of these selection criteria. They will also be a student with above-average Year 11 results.

How recent should my achievements be?

All achievements will be considered, however ideally your contributions should have taken place during your secondary school years – the more recent, the better.

Are my school results considered?

Although the award recognises contributions outside the classroom, applicants should also be academically capable students with above-average Year 11 results.

How can I strengthen my application?

The best way to ensure a standout application is to carefully read the key selection criteria and provide detailed responses which address these. Be specific when describing your experiences and avoid broad or vague answers. Don't be afraid to be passionate – show us what it is that inspires you!

What supporting documentation should I provide?

Supporting documentation can help to strengthen your application by demonstrating your achievements and personal values. They should be relevant and specific, and might include a certificate of participation or achievement, or a letter of reference.

Is there a penalty for late applications?

Late applications cannot be considered. Applications close on Sunday 9 October 2022.

How will I choose and apply for my Deakin University degree?

Year 11 is a great time to start researching your preferred course options. A full list of Deakin undergraduate courses is available at deakin.edu.au. During Year 12, you will apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), where you can create a list of your course preferences. Normal prerequisites and selection criteria will apply to the VTAC process and your admission to Deakin University. It's important to note that being a recipient of the Deakin Young Influencer Award does not influence the course selection process.

A Deakin staff member will be allocated to you to provide guidance throughout your decision making process and supporting your pathway from school to university.

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