



1. Information and Guidelines

The Rotary Club of Broken Hill, with the support of the Country Universities Centre (CUC) Far West, award two grants annually to local Far West NSW students undertaking higher education. The grants aim to support local people in their pursuits of higher education, acknowledging the expenses involved in studying, whether this be through relocating for on-campus study or studying online in community.

One grant, known as the 'Open Grant' (totalling \$2,500), is available to any currently or recently relocated Far West NSW resident studying at any university or registered training organisation, on campus or online. The other, known as the 'CUC Far West Student Grant' (also totalling \$2,500), is reserved for students who have registered to access the services and facilities at CUC Far West. Applicants who are eligible for both grants can apply for both, but if successful in receiving one grant, will be deemed ineligible in the other.

Applications for 2025/26 open Monday 3rd November 2025 and close 5pm ACDT, Friday 16th January 2026. Successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of the application closing date, and a lump sum payment will be arranged to their preferred account.

As part of the application process, applicants are expected to provide the contact details of two referees who may be contacted to provide additional information about the applicant's application.

Consideration of applicants for the Higher Education Opportunity Grants will be undertaken by the selection panel whose decision will be final. The selection panel will consist of:

- The Rotary Club of Broken Hill President
- Two nominated representatives from the Rotary Club of Broken Hill
- The CUC Far West Centre Manager (open grant panel only)
- The CUC Far West Centre Coordinator (open grant panel only)

If any conflicts of interest are identified, the above selection panel will be altered as required.

Administration of the grants will be undertaken by the Centre Manager and Centre Coordinator at CUC Far West, with funding to be provided by the Rotary Club of Broken Hill.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Open Grant, applicants must:

- Currently reside or have resided in Far West NSW within the last three years. Proof of address may need to be provided upon request.
- Be studying OR have received an offer at an Australian university or registered training organisation at the time of application. Proof of enrolment/offer will need to be provided as part of the application process.
- If successful, be willing to address the Rotary Club of Broken Hill as a guest speaker during one of their monthly meetings, discussing what receiving the grant means to them and their plans for the future beyond study.

To be eligible for the CUC Far West Student Grant, applicants must:

- Currently reside or have resided in Far West NSW within the last three years. Proof of address may need to be provided upon request.
- Be studying at an Australian university or registered training organisation at the time of application. Proof of enrolment may need to be provided upon request.
- Be registered to access the services and facilities at CUC Far West at the time of application AND renew their registration the following semester.
- If successful, be willing to address the Rotary Club of Broken Hill as a guest speaker during one of their monthly meetings, discussing what receiving the grant means to them and their plans for the future beyond study.
- If successful, be willing to complete a 'student story' for publication on CUC Far West social media, distribution to local media and shared with the Commonwealth Government as part of CUC Far West reporting requirements.

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Application

Surname: _____ First Name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male / Female / Other

Place of Birth: _____

Address: _____

If the above is not a Broken Hill residence, please provide your most recent address in Broken Hill:

For what period did you reside at the above address? _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Which grant are you applying for? Note: if you are eligible and wish to apply for both grants, tick both boxes.

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Open Grant

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CUC Far West Student Grant

If applying for the CUC Far West Student Grant, please ensure your registration is current with the Centre or you will be deemed ineligible.

Details of Current/Future Study

Course: _____

Institution: _____

When did you/will you commence studying? _____

If applying for the Open Grant, please attach a proof of enrolment/offer document to your application.

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

In your opinion, what makes you suitable to be the recipient of a Higher Education Opportunity Grant?

Provide details of personal financial constraints and needs that impact/may impact your ability to engage in higher education:

Provide two referees, one personal and one academic, who may be contacted to provide additional information about your application:

Personal Reference	Academic Reference
Name: _____	Name: _____
Position: _____	Position: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Contact Number: _____	Contact Number: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

Completed application forms can be submitted via one of the two following methods:

- 1. In person at the Country Universities Centre Far West, 318–324 Crystal Street, Broken Hill, NSW, 2880. The Centre is staffed between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.**
- 2. Via email, degrees@cucfarwest.edu.au**

Applications close 5pm AEDT, Friday 16th January 2026.

For questions regarding your application, please contact:

- Ryan Coulter**
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