



Soroptimist International Joondalup

Education Equity Scholarship

Student Health and Wellbeing, Student Life

Applicant Guidelines

The Soroptimist International Joondalup Education Equity Scholarship aims to support Edith Cowan University (ECU) female students who experience financial or personal disadvantage to succeed in their tertiary studies at ECU.

The scholarship reflects Soroptimist International's global commitment to educating, empowering and enabling women and girls, recognising education as a key pathway to economic empowerment, equality and long-term independence. The scholarship provides financial assistance to ease study-related costs and to support recipient to remain engaged in their course and future career aspirations.

About Soroptimist International Joondalup

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organisation for women, with clubs in over 120 countries, working to improve the lives of women and girls through education, empowerment and advocacy.

Soroptimist International Joondalup is part of the Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) Federation, which spans 13 countries. SI Joondalup has a strong history of supporting women's education locally and internationally, including:

- Financial support for secondary and tertiary students
- Provision of laptops and learning resources to disadvantaged young women
- Grants for women undertaking education and training to re-enter the workforce

Through partnership with ECU, Soroptimist International Joondalup continues its commitment to investing in women's education and strengthening pathways to economic security and leadership.



Scholarship Value and Duration

- The recipient will receive \$2,000 per year.
- The scholarship may be available for each year the student remains enrolled at ECU, up to a maximum of four years.

Continued payment is contingent on the student maintaining enrolment at ECU and meeting all the review requirements set by Soroptimist International Joondalup. The recipient can re-apply for the scholarship at the end of the four years, but would need to meet criteria and be assessed by the Soroptimist International Joondalup panel to make final decision.



Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Identify as female
- Be currently enrolled at Edith Cowan University (minimum 30 credit points per semester).
- Be studying at the ECU Joondalup Campus (or enrolled in at least one unit per semester based at Joondalup)
- Be a domestic student (Australian resident)
- Demonstrate financial need and/or personal circumstances that impact their ability to meet education-related costs
- Not currently receiving other grants or scholarships
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate coursework program
- Recipient will be required to provide their academic results for each unit and a completed Soroptimist Academic Reference (per semester). Note that the results can be provided by ECU (with applicant's consent) or the applicant can provide a screenshot of their results on their Student Portal.

Priority consideration may be given to applicants who:

- Are balancing caring responsibilities, paid work, or other significant life challenges
- Are victim/survivors of gender-based violence
- From low-SES equity group.
- Are first in family to attend university
- Are returning to study after a break.



Application Process

- Applications will open 1 September and will close on 30 September 2026
- Applicants submit an [online application](#), available on the ECU Financial Support Resources page.
- Applications must be submitted by the advertised closing date, 30 September 2026.
- Successful applicant will be notified by Soroptimist International by 30 November 2026.
- First payment of scholarship will be issued to successful applicant in January 2027.

Supporting Documentation

- Student ID (for ECU to verify enrolment)
- Academic reference (e.g. from a lecturer/unit coordinator at ECU)
- Recent 3-month bank statement. In situations where this can be provided, applicant should provide an overview of their weekly income and expenses and any upcoming significant expenses.
- Consent for ECU to provide a copy of your academic results for any completed units

Outcome

- Successful applicant will be notified of the outcome by Soroptimist International Joondalup by end November 2026. The decision of the selection panel is final.
- The first instalment of the scholarship will be paid in January 2027 and the second instalment in July 2027.
- Recipient's name and story (or anonymous story) will be published via Soroptimist International Joondalup's social media by end January 2027.

Recipient Engagement

- Recipient will be required to provide a short written reflection outlining how the scholarship assisted them.
- Recipient will be required to provide their academic results for each unit and a completed Soroptimist Academic Reference (per semester). Note that the results can be provided by ECU (with applicant's consent) or the applicant can provide a screenshot of their results on their Student Portal.



- Recipient will be invited to attend a Soroptimist International Joondalup meeting or event to speak to members about the benefits of receiving the scholarship and share their experience.
- Recipient will be offered complimentary membership of Soroptimist International Joondalup.
- Recipient may be asked to participate in a photo opportunity and/or share their story for use in Soroptimist International Joondalup communications (such as social media). Where there are safety concerns, the applicant's story will be anonymous.