



2026
SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
Applications close 2 April 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Government through the Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) each school year (annually) – applications do not carry forward to future years.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Services Australia (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full-time secondary course at a Western Australian non-government school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Please Note: The only Veterans' Affairs Card that meets the criteria is a blue card that is issued annually and expires in December each year. This card is income means tested.

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid sometime during first term. Students must be listed on claimant's card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons). In this instance, the school must sight both concession cards. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home), in which case a letter of confirmation from Centrelink must accompany the application. The concession card must not be expired when applying for SAS.

Parent/guardian must not be a foster parent.

Student must be attending school.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age i.e. students born in 2007 or before are ineligible in 2026.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms should not be altered and will only be accepted during Term 1 via your school. If completing an

application via email and/or signing the application electronically, applicants must also email a copy of both sides of their concession card with the application to the school. If the form is completed prior to the commencement of Term 1 the school must complete the enrolment confirmation section to confirm attendance (forms dated by the school prior to Term 1, 2026 will not be accepted). Please ensure you keep a copy of the signed form for school records.

Personal information collected will only be used for the purpose of managing the SAS. The Department will not disclose your personal information for any other reason.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation.

Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Applicants must submit the completed form to their school. The school must check the form for accuracy, view the concession card and witness the application. Schools must post the **original application forms** to the address below for processing.

The payment of the Educational Program Allowance is made directly to the school and should be deducted from the student's school account.

The Clothing Allowance will be deposited into the nominated bank account. It can take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment.

If you change any of your details other than that supplied on the application form, please notify us as soon as possible on 9264 4516.

We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 31 May 2026.

SCHOOLS POST APPLICATIONS TO:

Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

FURTHER INFORMATION

Parents: For queries about an application, contact your school in the first instance.

Further queries can be directed to the Allowances Coordinator

Telephone: (08) 9264 4516

Email: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au

