

# UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2023

## TRAVEL SUBSIDY

### RURAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

#### APPLICANT GUIDELINES



## 1. Introduction

RDWA's University Open Days 2023 Travel Subsidy supports students who are considering studying a health degree to attend the 2023 SA universities open days in person.

Rural students who attend the open days in person tell us that they learn what university life will be like for them, and many say this opportunity and insight contributes to their motivation for study.

The subsidy reduces the barriers for rural families and carers to take their student to the university open days.

**Families, carers and students make their own arrangements for travel. The subsidy offsets transport costs.**

Travel subsidies are scaled for students who have the greatest distances to travel. For example, if your home town is less than 200 kilometres from Adelaide CBD by the main road route, you will be able to apply for a subsidy of up to \$100; and if your home town is more than 500 kilometres from Adelaide's CBD by the main road route, then we will provide a subsidy of \$500 to the adult who is driving the student to the open days.

The subsidy aims to support rural students who are seriously exploring options for studying health disciplines. Years 10, 11 and 12 are key decision-making years for selecting SACE subjects and for university applications.

*Please note that the universities manage the open days, and you should plan your activities in advance if possible, for example some activities on campus require you to book sessions before the open day (and these sessions might fill up before the open day) – you will need to do that yourself using the university open day online forms.*

## 2. Eligibility

Students must apply with a parent or carer if they are under 18 years when they submit their application.

### 2.1 Student

If you live in a rural town, attend a rural high school, are in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2023, and you have a genuine interest in studying a health degree, you and your parent/carer can apply for a travel subsidy.

### 2.2 Parent / Carer

If you are the parent/carer of a student who meets the eligibility criteria 2.1 and you will be responsible for the travel arrangements, you can apply with your student.

### 2.3 Rural High School

A rural high school is located in MM 2-7 within the Modified Monash Model (MMM) in SA. You can check if your school's address is in MM 2-7 by using the on-line tool: [health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator](https://health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator)

### 2.4 Travel

The subsidy can be used however the person paying for the travel likes, to subsidise the cost of travel by private car or by bus, train or air travel. You do not have to provide proof of costs, the adult applicant will need to provide a statement on RDWA's form that they travelled to take the student to the Open Days. Travel must take place during the few days on or near the University open days in Adelaide in August 2023.

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## 3. Process

### 3.1 Application

Applicants complete an online form available through the RDWA website when the Travel Subsidy is open.

The Applicant will need to provide:

- personal details of the parent/carer and student, including hometown, high school and year, mobile number and email address so we can assess eligibility
- provide a statement about which health degrees the student is considering
- agree to the subsidy terms and conditions, applicant declaration and information privacy consent.

Applying for a travel subsidy does not guarantee that a subsidy will be granted.

### 3.2 Assessment

Applications will be assessed by RDWA on the following basis:

- Eligibility (student, parent/carer, high school, travel)
- Travel that is aligned with the Applicant Guidelines
- RDWA will determine the amount of the subsidy based on the hometown distance from the Adelaide CBD.

Where there are more applications assessed as eligible than funds available, priority will be given to applicants whose hometown is more than 300 km from the Adelaide CBD.

### 3.3 Notification

Successful applicants will be contacted by email and advised their application has been successful.

### 3.4 Payment

A payment details form will be sent to successful applicants, and the form must be completed and returned to RDWA to enable payment to be made. Payments can be made before or after the Open Days. Payments are generally made on Fridays, but some bank transfers may take several days to arrive in accounts. We understand that things can change, and if you have received a payment in advance and you are not able to attend the Open Day events, we will ask you to return the payment to RDWA.

### 3.5 RDWA Contact

You can contact RDWA if you have any questions. People who receive a travel subsidy will be asked to complete a short feedback form to help us understand whether this initiative is of value to rural students considering health careers.

## More information

Please contact our Future Workforce team [futureworkforce@ruraldoc.com.au](mailto:futureworkforce@ruraldoc.com.au) or call 08 82348277 during business hours if you have any questions.

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