

RURAL HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2024 TRAVEL GRANT - APPLICANT GUIDELINES



1 Purpose

Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA) delivers a range of activities to increase the numbers of clinicians delivering health services to South Australia's (SA's) rural and remote communities.

The Rural High School University Open Days 2024 Travel Grant (the Grant) is part of a range of initiatives that actively encourage and support SA's rural high school students to apply for medical, nursing and allied health degrees.

RDWA recognises that there can be significant barriers for rural high school students and their families/carers when the University Open Days are held in Adelaide. To support students' participation in the onsite open days, RDWA offers a grant for subsidising the travel cost to Adelaide where a high school student is seriously considering options for applying for a health degree.

2 Scope

SA's universities hold their 2024 open days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9, 10 & 11 August.

To support rural high school students and families/carers who are considering travelling to Adelaide for the open days, a family member/carer of an eligible high school student, or the adult high school student, can apply for a grant to subsidise travel costs incurred personally by the family or student.

The subsidy is based on distance by road of your home town to the Adelaide CBD:

- Up to 100km \$50
- 101-200km \$100
- 201-300km \$150
- 301-400km \$200
- 401-500km \$250
- 501-600km \$300
- 601-700km \$350
- 701-800km \$400
- 801-900km \$450
- 901-1,000+km \$500

Families/carers and the high school student make their own arrangements for travel. Applicants will need to confirm they attended. The travel must be for the open days.

Parents/carers or the adult high school student will be asked to notify RDWA of the university degree that the student accepts. A family/carer or student can only apply for one travel grant while in high school.

3 Eligibility

A parent/carer of an eligible rural high school student, or the adult high school student themselves, can apply for the Grant.

Applicants must be

- A parent/carer of an eligible rural high school student, or
- An eligible adult rural high school student.

RURAL HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2024 TRAVEL GRANT - APPLICANT GUIDELINES



High School Student Eligibility

An eligible high school student must be:

- Seriously considering applying for a health degree at a SA university at the end of Year 12
- Attending a high school in a rural location
- Living in a rural location
- In Year 12, 11 or 10 in 2024.

A rural high school location is one that is classified as MMM 2-7 in South Australia. Please check by using the **Health Workforce Locator** www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-tools/healthj-workforce-locator

4 Process

4.1 Application

Applicants must read the Guidelines before applying. Applications are completed online and submitted using the Application Form available on the RDWA website.

Applications will be open from 19 July 2024 to 12 noon on Thursday 8 August 2024. People considering applying are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Applicants will need to supply personal details and details regarding the travel to the university open days, and complete privacy, information and consent declarations.

4.2 Assessment and notification

RDWA will assess the application and may contact Applicants for more information if there is insufficient information in the Application Form to assess against the Grant's aims and/ or applicant or student eligibility.

RDWA will assess the applications using the Grant aims, eligibility criteria and the perceived benefit, and the amount of grant funding available to RDWA. Priority will be given to applications for students who live the furthest distance from the Adelaide CBD.

RDWA will notify applicants by email, and the notification will include details on the outcome of the assessment and the basis for the assessment.

4.3 Grant agreement

Applicants who are offered a Grant will be given a grant agreement that sets out the terms and conditions for the Grant. If the Applicant wishes to accept the Grant offer and its terms and conditions, the Applicant will sign and return the agreement to RDWA within seven days or the offer will lapse.

4.4 Payment of the grant

Payment details will be specified in the grant agreement. RDWA will supply a Claim Form that needs to be completed by the Applicant and submitted to RDWA. Payment will be by electronic funds transfer, and payment details will be provided by emailed remittance advice.

If the option to receive payment in advance is selected and the family/carer and/or student do not travel to the open days, the funds received will need to be repaid to RDWA.

4.5 Contact with RDWA

Applicants who accept a grant will be required to participate in a number of activities including providing information to RDWA about the student's participation in the open days, and their intentions following attendance regarding degree choices they intend to make after year 12. Applicants will also need to confirm attendance and provide feedback through an online survey.

RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS 2024

TRAVEL GRANT - APPLICANT GUIDELINES



5 Independent advice

Applicants should consider independent advice before applying or accepting an offer of a grant and the obligations associated with a grant, including consideration for how the grant would apply within their personal financial circumstances.

6 RDWA contact

RDWA's contact for the Grant is Dale Penny, R2R Medicine Coordinator, who can be contacted by email on futureworkforce@ruraldoc.com.au or by phone during business hours on 08 8234 8277.