

Department of Education

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2021

What is the Student Assistance Scheme?

The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of levies. STAS is provided through school and college resourcing rather than payment direct to families. Catholic sector schools directly assess eligibility for assistance to families and queries for assistance need to be directed to the relevant school.

How to apply

- Complete your details on this form.
- Complete the details of the student/s you are applying for.
- Read, sign and date the Declaration and Authorisation section.
- Applications can also be completed online at www.education.tas.gov.au.

Who is eligible to apply?

Parents/guardians of students, or independent students, attending kindergarten to grade 12 in a Tasmanian State school or a registered non-government school can apply. Students who have previously completed year 12 should check with their school. Applicant details need to match school enrolment records.

To be eligible you must have a current;

- Services Australia Centrelink Health Care Card,
- Services Australia Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card,
- Services Australia Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or
- Department of Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Card.

If you are an independent student under 18 years of age submitting an application you are required to provide proof of your independent status.

Independent students are generally: supporting themselves; receiving a Centrelink payment and meet the Centrelink independence criteria. Proof of independent status can be in the form of a copy of a current Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY notice of assessment which must clearly indicate the student is independent. Other acceptable evidence of independent status is a letter by a student counsellor or social worker. If independent status is not provided this will delay assessment of your application.

Grandparents raising children are eligible to apply for and receive STAS. STAS closes to new applications on 7 September 2021.

What will I need to provide?

- The completed application form, signed and dated.
- A copy of your Centrelink Health Care Card, or
- A copy of your Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or
- A copy of your DVA Pension Card.

How will I know if my application is successful or not?

- You will receive written advice of the outcome of your application.
- Your school can advise you.

NEED ASSISTANCE? Call 1800 827 055

Email: stas@education.tas.gov.au Web: www.education.tas.gov.au

