

TERTIARY ACCESS PAYMENT (TAP)

INFORMATION ON LIVING ARRANGEMENTS CRITERIA

There are several circumstances that preclude you from obtaining information about your parents' income. This document:

- outlines the allowable criteria for answering 'no' to the application question, "I can provide evidence my parents or guardians have a combined income of \$250,000 or less" and,
- provides examples of the types of evidence that will verify your special circumstance.

Contact the [scholarships team](#) if you have questions about the TAP application form.

Allowable criteria

If you meet any of the following criteria, you are not required to provide parental income information when applying for TAP.

Note: Supporting evidence will be required as part of your application if you meet one or more of the criteria.

- You are living independently
- You have a dependent child
- You have parents who can't look after you
- You are unable to live at home due to extreme circumstances
- You are an orphan
- You are a refugee
- You are in state care
- You are caring for another person's child (ATSI applicants only)
- You have special adult status in your traditional community (ATSI applicants only)
- You have returned to live in an Indigenous community after being adopted or fostered by a non-Indigenous family for more than 2 years (ATSI applicants only)
- You have been in prison for 6 months or more (ATSI applicants only)

Examples of evidence

Examples of evidence include but are not limited to:

- Documentation from an Indigenous community organisation, a well-known and respected person of the Indigenous community or a relevant state or territory authority (ATSI applicants only)
- Statement from the Department of Corrective Services or Juvenile Justice confirming period spent in custody
- 'Unreasonable to live at home statement by Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (SY016) form that has been previously accepted by Services Australia or statement signed by social worker
- Documentation from a state or territory government agency
- A statutory declaration