

Young Achievers Scholarships

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MENTORS SUPPORTING
YOUNG ACHIEVERS



247

YOUNG ACHIEVERS
ENROLLED AT UQ



110+

GRADUATED
SINCE 2009

The Young Achievers Scholarship provides valuable support to help students realise their potential.

The Young Achievers Scholarship enables young people to overcome barriers and continue their learning journey. It supports students in Grades 11 and 12, from participating Queensland state high schools, who have the capacity for university study, but who struggle with financial hardship or other challenges.

For many recipients, even the thought of attending a university seemed beyond their grasp while they were at school. Their achievements since joining the program have proven to be transformational not just for themselves, but often for their families.

Young Achievers Scholarship recipients receive a \$1000 bursary in Grades 11 and 12 and once enrolled at UQ, these students receive \$7000 in annual support for up to four years.



“I give to the Young Achievers Program because no child should have to give up on their dreams simply because they lack the financial means to attend university.”

Jacqueline Koutsis
UQ Staff Member

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EMPOWERING STUDENT SUCCESS

“I believed I had what it took to go to university, but my parents’ financial devastation spoke otherwise.”

Adam Bonner

*Alumnus and Young Achievers Scholarship recipient
Pictured here with his father, Tim*

Bridging the opportunity gap

For many young and talented students financial hardship is a barrier to attending university and fulfilling their dreams.

It’s a vivid memory that will never fade for Adam Bonner (Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Business Management, '18): the emotional phone call he received from his father, Tim, during morning tea break at school.

After many years of financial and mental strain for his parents on their cattle farm at Stanthorpe, Adam could be forgiven for immediately assuming his life was about to be turned upside down by whatever his father had to so urgently share with him. And turned upside down it was.

“Adam, you’ve got the Young Achievers scholarship,” Tim said through his tears. “You’re going to university.”

During his time at UQ, Adam closed the loop on his Young Achievers journey by becoming a program mentor, himself.

“Having been through [the program] as a student and knowing how much of an impact those mentors have had on my life, I wanted to be able to give back and become a mentor of the program myself,” he said.

Adam is a powerful advocate for scholarships; grateful for the kindness and generosity that was afforded to him, and encourages donors to continue to empower students just like him in the years to come.

You can help talented and deserving students, just like Adam, reach their potential. To learn more and to support this worthwhile and vital program, please visit giving.uq.edu.au/yap.

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