

2026 David Thompson Scholarship

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General information and your privacy

All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted prior to the closing of the scholarship round. Partially completed forms will not be accessible after the closing date and time.

Please note: Your application is an opportunity to tell us who you are, share your passion for your research, and explain why you deserve this scholarship. If you have used an AI tool or technology such as ChatGPT to generate an output which you either paraphrase or direct quote in your response, you must cite and reference this output. If you have used an AI tool or technology in any other way in the process of completing your responses (for example, editing, or grammar), an acknowledgement of how you have used AI tools or technologies is required.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact:

Scholarships and Prizes Team engit-scholarships@unimelb.edu.au

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The information on this form is being collected by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology for the purposes of administering this scholarship, including selection, awarding and reporting requirements. The information you provide will be used by members of the scholarship selection committee and may be shared with the donors of the award. We will not disclose your personal information to anybody else unless you have given consent, or we are authorised or required to do so by law.

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refer to our [Privacy webpage](#) for information on how to contact us about privacy, how to lodge a complaint and for the contact details of the University's Privacy and Data Protection Officer.

About the scholarship

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Introduction

The David Thompson Scholarship was established with a gift from Bessie Thompson and is offered to students enrolled in an engineering coursework degree and are experiencing financial difficulties.

This scholarship provides a one-off payment of approximately \$450.

Please remember to save your application regularly, as the form does not autosave.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be enrolled in an engineering coursework degree in the Faculty of Engineering and IT
- Have completed at least 37.5 credit points and have at least 75 credit points remaining (not including credited subjects).

Preference will be given to applicants who attended high school in Castlemaine or within a 100 km radius of Castlemaine if they have a financial score of 10 or higher.

I meet the above eligibility criteria *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Don't meet the eligibility criteria?

Your application won't progress from here.

If you're not sure whether you're eligible or have questions, email FEIT's Scholarships and Prizes Team at engit-scholarships@unimelb.edu.au

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Financial need: as determined by the information provided in your application, including submission of a [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#)
- Evidence of your place of residence when completing high school.

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Scholarship Conditions

This scholarship cannot be deferred to the following year. In addition, students must:

- Agree to the University sharing their name and course details with the donor of their scholarship and provide a note of appreciation or a brief report on the benefits of the scholarship if requested.

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Student ID *

Must be a number.
Your UniMelb ID

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this application. Your UniMelb email is preferred

Please select your course *

Other:

Course Commencement Date *

If uncertain of day of commencement, enter the 1st of the month

Financial Circumstances

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Financial Assessment form

In order to assess your degree of financial need, you must submit a [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#). This is a separate online form within SmartyGrants.

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You can submit the form at any time before the closing date for this scholarship. Your scholarship application will not be processed if you have not completed the Financial Assessment Form.

FAQs

Q. I've applied for another scholarship this year, and I've already submitted the [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#) online. Do I need to submit another one?

A. That depends:

- If your **income or expenses have changed** - yes, you should submit a new form.
- If **nothing has changed** - no, you don't need to submit a new form.

Q. I submitted a Financial Assessment last year. Do I need to complete it again?

A. Yes please! The form must be completed anew each year to ensure your information is up to date.

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I have submitted the FEIT Financial Assessment form:

- ☐ Yes- I have submitted the online form in the process of applying for the bursary
- ☐ Not yet- I will submit the online form before the scholarship closing date. I understand that my scholarship application will not be assessed unless i have submitted the financial assessment form before the scholarship closes.

<https://engit-unimelb.smartygrants.com.au/FEITfinassess2026>

If you have already submitted the FEIT Financial Assessment form, please include the submission number (if known)

Financial Circumstances

Have your financial circumstances changed since the start of this year? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Overall, which of the following best describes how the change in your circumstances affects your financial position? *

- ☐ I am able to meet basic living expenses and enjoy some entertainment or recreational activities
- ☐ I have to budget carefully and reduce less essential expensres (such as eating out, entertainment, recreational activities)
- ☐ I struggle to meet basic living expenses (including rent, food, mobile phone, internet and other utilities, and transportation to campus)
- ☐ I am often unable to pay rent or utility bills without skipping meals or borrowing money
- ☐ Other:

Select one or more of the options below that best captures how your financial circumstance have changed since the start of this year. *

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- ☐ I receive less financial assistance from my family or relatives who support my studies
- ☐ I have lost or am unable to find regular employment in Melbourne
- ☐ I cannot find time to work due to a heavier study load than expected
- ☐ My research stipend has completed
- ☐ Other:

Previous regional or remote status

* indicates a required field

Are you applying under the preference criteria? Preference will be given to applicants who attended high school in Castlemaine or within a 100 km radius of Castlemaine if they have a financial score of 10 or higher. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

High school details

Enter your high school name *

Enter your high school address *

Please attach a copy of your high school certificate *

Attach a file:

Declaration and Feedback

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Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a moment to provide some feedback.

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

- ☐ FEIT Scholarships page
- ☐ University of Melbourne scholarships page
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Lecturer/ Tutor
- ☐ School/Department
- ☐ FEIT social media channels
- ☐ Friends/ Other students

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☐ Other:

Please indicate how you found the online application process: *

☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements to the application process/form you think we need to consider.

The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology aims to improve the student experience and we value your thoughts. Thinking about your FEIT student experience, is there anything you'd like to suggest - not just in relation to scholarships - that could make your FEIT experience better?

Student Declaration

I declare that all information provided in this application is true and correct and I consent to this information being used for the purposes of administering this award.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please note that applications cannot be amended once submitted. Additionally, we are unable to accept any additional information or updates after the closing date.