

AFTER CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Information about Financial Assistance

If you are a care leaver between 18 and 24 years of age, you can apply for financial assistance to help with your successful transition to adulthood.

You can apply for a maximum of \$2,500.00 per year. However, due to significant interest in the program and the limited funds available each year, not all applications can be approved. Applications are considered each fortnight and are prioritised according to the following criteria:

1. Priority given to first time applicants.
2. Priority given to young adults who were in continuous care for more than two years from the age of 14 years.
3. Priority given to applications that most closely match the categories outlined below.

What can the financial assistance cover?

You can apply for funding in any of the following areas:

Education / training

*(E.g. TAFE, Uni or course fees, clothes, books, equipment, resources, laptop *an upper limit of \$1000 applies to laptops*)*

Employment opportunities

(E.g. course fees, travel costs, equipment, tools, certificates & licences, uniforms and clothing)

Establishing independent living

*(E.g. basic household items, driving licence or lessons * an upper limit of \$500 applies to some household items*.)*

Accessing counselling and psychological services

(This can include full counselling sessions or covering a Medicare gap)

Participating in sport or creative activities

(E.g. equipment, lessons, uniforms, travel costs)

Health and wellbeing

(E.g. class fees, fitness membership, self-development courses, medical and dental costs)

Strengthening connections with family and community

(E.g. travel costs, cultural events, communications)

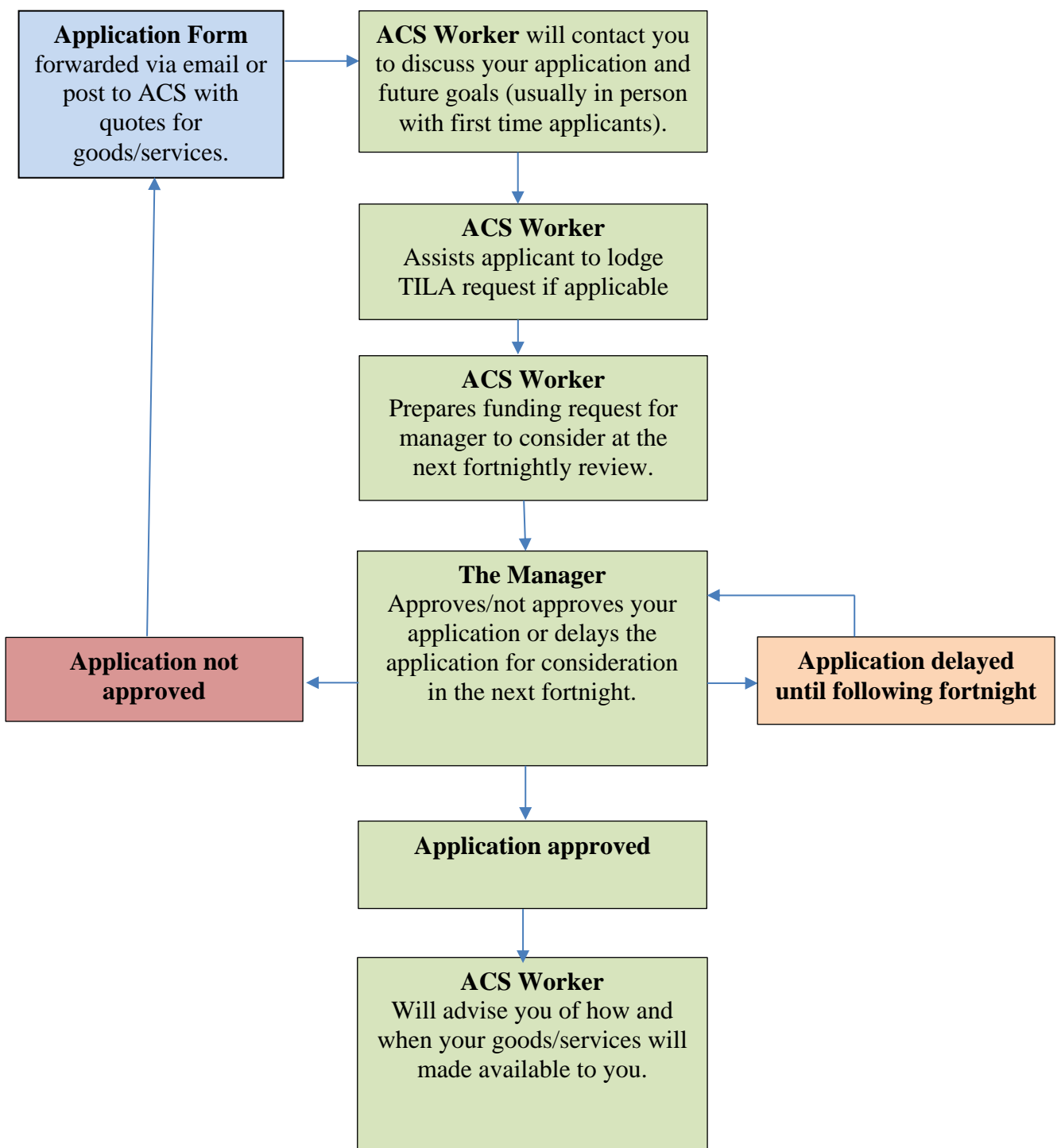
What are some examples of successful applications?

To help you think about your application, some examples of approved funding applications are given below (*names have been changed for confidentiality reasons):

- Phillip applied for funding to complete a semester of study in the USA. His return flights to the USA were funded through ACS.
- Gemma successfully applied for funding towards her chef apprenticeship each year. She is now qualified and has gained employment.

- Dan set up his own gardening business. He successfully applied for funding to purchase the tools necessary to grow his business.
- Melissa is a single mother with three young children. She applied for funding for beds for each of her children and a fridge.
- Joe successfully applied for funding to participate in an annual mutton birding trip. He applied under strengthening connections with family and community
- Todd received funding to travel interstate to compete in an international sports tournament.

What happens when I submit my application?



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Application Form

Full Name	Date of Birth	Age
Previous Names (if applicable)		
Address		
Email Address		
Home Telephone Number	Mobile Telephone Number	
Do you have a support person you would like to assist you with this application? If yes please state support person: Name: Contact Number: Relationship to you:		

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Would you like to access Financial Assistance? Yes No

Have you (or your caseworker) previously applied for TILA? Yes No Not sur

(TILA is a \$1500 one-off payment for care leavers aged 15 to 25 who were in State care for a period of 6 months or more from the age of 15)

Which category(s) are you applying under? (please tick)

- Education / training
- Employment opportunities
- Establishing independent living
- Accessing counselling and psychological services
- Participating in sport, recreational or creative activities
- Health and wellbeing
- Strengthening connections with family and community

How much funding are you requesting (maximum limit \$2 500)?

Please explain what you will use the funding for and how it relates to the criteria?

How will the money help you meet your goals / improve your life?

Please provide any additional information to support your application.

Summary of funding requested (please ensure quotes are attached)

ITEM	AMOUNT	QUOTE FROM
<i>Examples:</i>		
<i>Dental work</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Rosny Dental Practice</i>
<i>TAFE Certificate II in xxx</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>	<i>TAFE Tasmania</i>

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Access to Information

Would you like to discuss access to information from your State Care records?

Yes No

Finding family

Would you like assistance finding family members you have lost contact with?

Yes No

I want support from the After Care Support Service to search for:

Name	Relationship to you	Please make contact on my behalf (yes / not yet)

The CREATE Foundation

Are you currently a member of the aftercare support organisation CREATE?

(Information about the CREATE foundation can be found at: <https://create.org.au>)

Yes No

Do you consent to us providing your email address to CREATE so they can send you details about their services?

Yes No

Signature:

Date: