

About the Veolia Mulwaree Trust

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust was established to manage and distribute funds for charitable purposes and worthwhile community projects to benefit communities within or surrounding the former Mulwaree Shire Council area in Southern NSW. The Trust's funding is provided by Veolia Australia and New Zealand which operates the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct near Tarago in Southern NSW.

Eligible Local Government Areas

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust specifically covers the local government areas of:

- Goulburn Mulwaree Council
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council
- Oberon Council
- Wingecarribee Shire Council
- Wollondilly Shire Council
- Shoalhaven City Council
- former Palerang¹ Council area

Veolia Creative Arts Scholarships

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust has supported the cultural vitality of the region since 2008 by supporting local creative artists in their chosen fields.

The Trust invites applications from creative artists working in any arts discipline for the 2026 Veolia Creative Arts Scholarship Program. Up to three Veolia Creative Arts Scholarships for \$4,000 each will be awarded annually and may be from either of the following categories:

Arts Practice Scholarships

Scholarship for a creative artist to further their art practice, such as by making/completing a body of work for exhibition, publication, performance, residency etc.

Arts Study Scholarships

Scholarship for a creative artist to undertake a program of arts study in any format, for example, at a tertiary institution or other educational program, through a mentorship program, study tour etc.

¹ Projects and applicants located within the former Palerang local government area prior to the 2016 council amalgamation are eligible to apply to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

Eligibility

Veolia Creative Arts Scholarships are open to any creative arts discipline including (but not limited to) performing arts, visual arts, literature, multi-media and screen arts.

Applicants must be a current resident in one of the seven local government areas serviced by the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, as listed above, and have lived in the area for at least the past three years.

Applicants must be aged 18 years or over at the date scholarship applications close (18 February 2026).

Only one application from an individual will be accepted in any one year.

Successful scholarship recipients will be ineligible to apply to Veolia Mulwaree Trust for a period of two years from the date of the signed acceptance of the scholarship. Applicants who are unsuccessful may reapply providing the application is updated and current.

Application Process

Scholarship applications must be submitted via the Veolia Mulwaree Trust website. All sections of the application form must be completed and all requested supporting documentation attached.

Required Supporting Documentation

Examples of work – up to three examples may be attached such as images, writing samples etc. Only three examples will be considered.

- Writing examples - each example should be to a maximum of 1,000 words.
- Description of visual art work submitted must include the date, dimensions, name and medium used.
- Digital files such as music or video need to be easily downloaded or links provided.

Current CV - maximum of two pages, including the contact details of three referees.

Written Reference – at least one written reference regarding your arts practice from one of your referees. Providing additional letters of support is optional and must be relevant to your arts practice.

Evidence of residential eligibility – a copy of current Driver's Licence or RMS-issued ID card, which must show the current address being within one of the seven local government areas listed above.

Assessment Process

Eligible Veolia Creative Arts Scholarship applications are assessed against the intended outcomes and benefit of the proposal according to the following principal selection criteria:

1. Assessed benefit and merit to enrich the artistic vitality of the Veolia Mulwaree Trust region, or to assist with career development.
2. Experience, ability and support for the application.

All applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application approximately three months after the submission closing date. The decision of the selection panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Due to the number of applications received, the panel is unable to provide individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

Scholarship Process

Successful scholarship applicants are required to issue the Veolia Mulwaree Trust with an invoice for the full scholarship amount and to attend a cheque presentation to be held in Goulburn on a date to be advised.

Scholarship recipients are required to provide a brief report to Veolia Mulwaree Trust within twelve months from receipt of the scholarship. This report must outline how the scholarship has enriched the development of artistic vitality within the local region and/or assisted with career advancement and provide evidence of how the scholarship has been recognised.

Key Dates 2026

Scholarship Applications Open	27 January 2026
Applications Close	25 February 2026
Applicants advised of outcomes	April 2026
Scholarships awarded	May 2026