



2018 STUDENT IMPACT REPORT

Celebrating 25 years

Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation helping rural and regional young people access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources.



In 2018

496

Individual students awarded grants or scholarships



Value of grants given

\$844,950

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Value of education partner funding

\$339,191

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\$1,184,141

Value of support provided by CEF in 2018

Since 1993

\$9,369,772

in financial support through

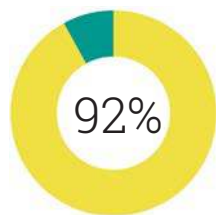
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individual grants and scholarships

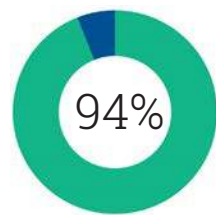
WHAT WE DO WORKS

96%

of our alumni tell us our assistance was very important in achieving their education and career aspirations



of our alumni have completed or are on track to complete their course of study



of graduating alumni have found employment in their chosen field

...and the future is looking strong

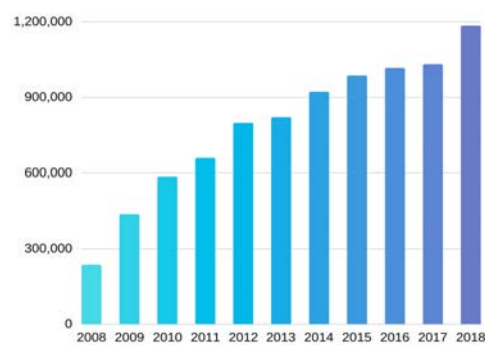
60%

of grant funds raised by our **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** within their own communities

54%

INCREASE IN VALUE of the average grant over the past ten years

Our growth = more financial support to students



*Monetary figures subject to final audit

FROM OUR PATRON

"There are many crossroads in life, from student to workplace, from teenager to adulthood and so forth. These crossroads become even harder to traverse in periods of intense drought or devastating floods and other climate wildcards of destruction.



The quid pro quo is for students to have commitment and work hard to maximise their chances and their progress through good educational choices and achievements.

As Australia reaches 25 million people, our need for graduates of all kinds, whether trade or academic, is more and more; our need for the Country Education Foundation and its work in this regard is also more and more."

The Honourable Tim Fischer, AC, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia

"This is exactly where Country Education Foundation has a vital role to play in its interface with students, to help them through the challenges of academic and practical endeavour. Indeed it is to open up opportunity in difficult times, indeed in all times."

WHY OUR PARTNERS SUPPORT US

**Georgina Byron
CEO, The Snow Foundation**



"Support through educational scholarships is one of the objectives of our Foundation and we have been proud supporters of Country Education Foundation for nearly 10 years. We love that scholarships provide opportunities for rural students to further their education - to follow their dreams and pursue successful careers. The Alumni Program enables former students to continue their involvement with CEF, encouraging advocacy and advancement."

**Vera Smiljanic
Equity Project Officer
Swinburne University of
Technology**



"At Swinburne we embrace diversity, and believe it is important to provide support for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences including those from rural and remote Australia. We recognise that young people from rural and remote Australia face barriers and obstacles in being able to access further education.

Swinburne University has been pleased to partner with CEF over the past three years to assist students to aspire to and access further education opportunities."

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OUR ALUMNI

In 25 years the Country Education Foundation of Australia has impacted positively on the lives of almost 5000 young people from rural and regional areas.



"I feel very grateful to have received a grant, and I believe regional school leavers deserve to be supported to access further education. CEF is invaluable for supporting school leavers to gain further education that may otherwise have been unattainable."

Ellen Curtis, Harden CEF 2005-2006

"I found the CEF experience valuable during periods of severe drought when my parents' farming business was financially impacted. This scholarship allowed me to partake in my studies without adding further financial strain on my parents during this challenging time."

James Scott, Edward River CEF 2010-2011

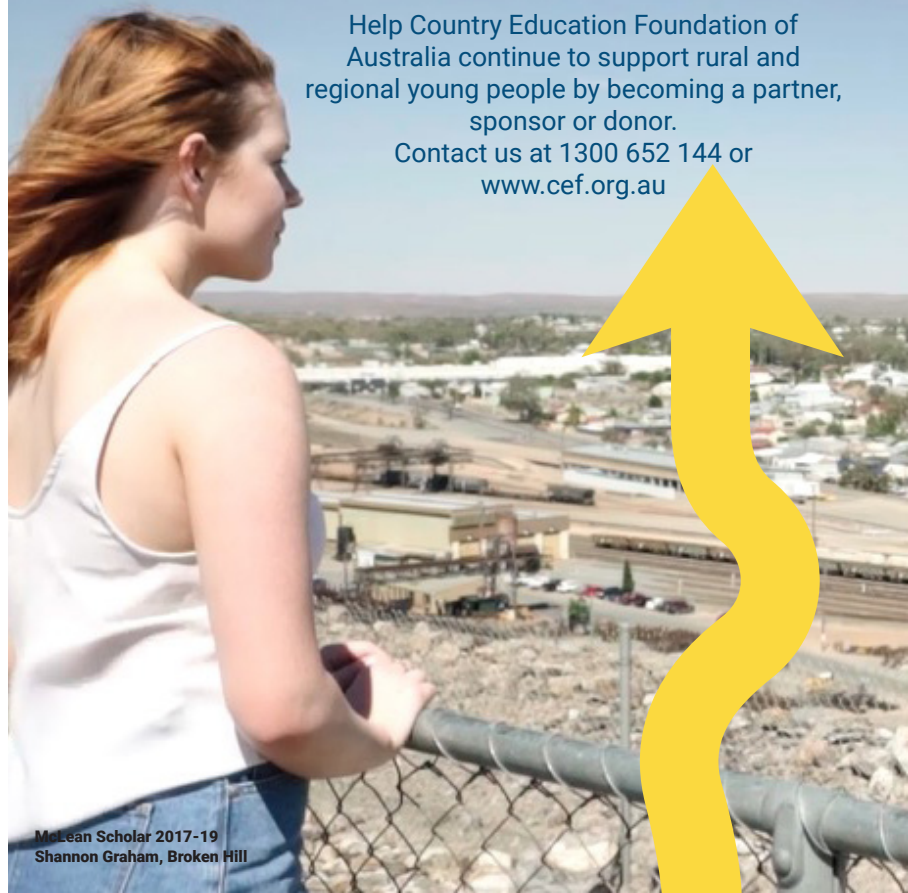


EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES.
AND FAMILIES.
AND COMMUNITIES.

YOU CAN HELP TOO

Help Country Education Foundation of Australia continue to support rural and regional young people by becoming a partner, sponsor or donor.

Contact us at 1300 652 144 or www.cef.org.au



McLean Scholar 2017-19
Shannon Graham, Broken Hill