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Applications are now open for 2021 **[Foundation]** education grants.

**[Foundation]** support local youth, 16 to 25 years old, seeking access to further education in 2021, including [list of towns included in Foundation area].

The isolation, distance and connectivity of regional Australia are just some of the challenges faced when accessing further education opportunities. **[Foundation]** hopes to assist the next generation in need of a helping hand.

CEF exists to support rural and regional youth of any background or ability to ensure they can access the resources they need to fulfill their personal potential and contribute fully to their communities and the broader society.

**[Quote from Foundation representative]**

While financial support is vital for further education, **[ Foundation]** works hard to ensure students feel supported as they embark on their education journey, including tertiary, VET, traineeships or apprenticeships.

**[Quote from Foundation representative]**

Aspiring students can sign up and apply on the Country Education Foundation’s website. [www.cef.org.au](http://www.cef.org.au).

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview with their local committee. Selection is based on need, not academic success. Grants awarded are redeemed through the reimbursement of the educational expenses the student incurs.

Students supported by **[Foundation]** are also eligible for CEF national scholarships, which include those from partner institutions and philanthropic supporters. Information regarding this extra financial support is available on the CEF website.

The application period closes on **[date].**

***[foundation]*** *is associated of the Country Education Foundation of Australia, a network of community foundations. CEF’s mission is to promote and enable the****further education, career and personal development opportunities****for rural youth, through community-based encouragement and financial assistance.*

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