



2024

Country Education Foundation of Australia | Student Impact Report

“Empowering young people
from across rural and
regional Australia through
education and career support”

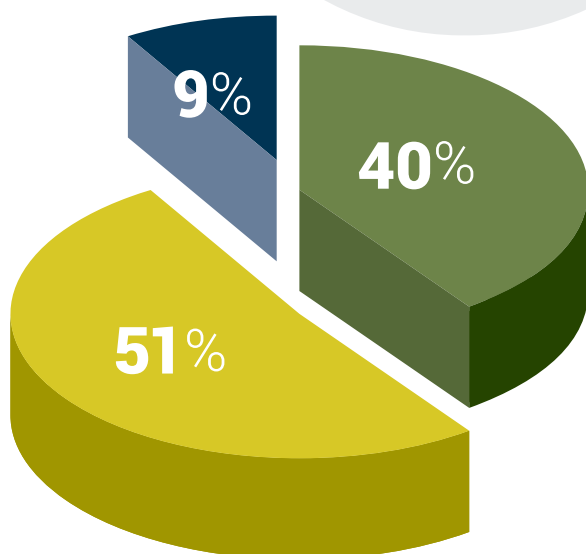
**Country
Education
Foundation**
AUSTRALIA



Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) is a national charity that was **established in 1993**, to promote and enable equal access to further **education and career opportunities for rural and regional youth**, irrespective of background, circumstances or location **through community-based encouragement and financial assistance.**

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STUDENTS SUPPORTED



\$2,522,807

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

EDUCATION PARTNER FUNDING
\$215,000



NATIONAL PARTNER FUNDING
\$1,012,257



LOCAL GRANT FUNDING
\$1,295,550



\$2,522,807

1 in 5

students receive **financial assistance** from family



2 in 5

students are **eligible or receive government assistance**



50%

of students **undertake part time employment**



99%

of students are **on track to complete their studies**



96%

of students say the **support they have received from CEF** is very important or important



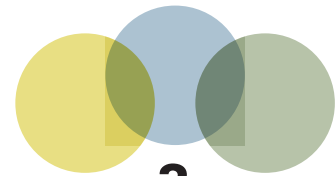
81%

of students plan to **take their education back to a regional area**



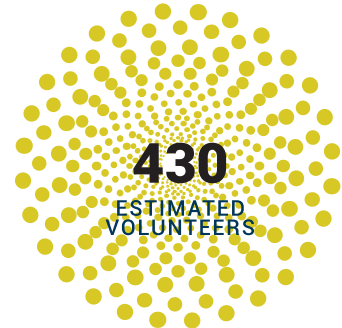
23% INCREASE IN NATIONAL FUNDING

\$1,227,257



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NEW FOUNDATIONS

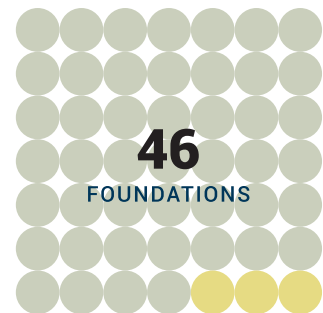


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ESTIMATED
VOLUNTEERS

21% INCREASE IN VOCATIONAL
TRAINING FUNDS

\$145,000



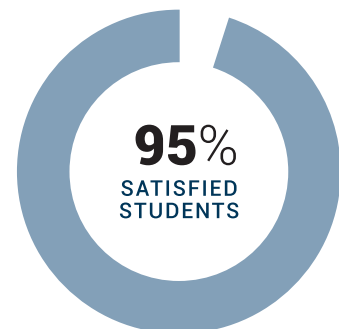
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FOUNDATIONS



COST OF LIVING TOP UPS
Inaugural Boot Bash Campaign

\$173,370



95%

SATISFIED
STUDENTS



STUDENT PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE
helping students do compulsory, unpaid work placement

\$45,457



3 new foundations:
Port Lincoln (SA)
Narromine (NSW)
Bendigo (Vic)

430 estimated volunteers
across Australia

46 local CEF foundations
(49 by December 2024)

95% of students satisfied
or very satisfied with the
contact they have with
their local foundation.

Thanks to **the generosity of our volunteers, partners, donors and supporters**, we have provided **greater opportunities for regional and rural youth** to achieve their education goals.

“CEF Coolah has helped me tremendously. They always ask me how things are and check in regularly when we bump into one another. They have assisted me with an account at the local petrol station that holds money on it for when I need to get petrol to travel to TAFE or work placement.”

Taya | CEF Coolah

CERTIFICATE III IN CARPENTRY AND JOINERY, TAFE MUDGEE

Taya grew up in Coolah, population 1,200, and is in her final year of a Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery at TAFE Mudgee. Thanks to local grants from CEF Coolah, she has been able to pay for her travel to TAFE - a 200km round trip on regional roads - and purchase necessary tools needed for her course.

In 2025, Taya is looking to move to Mudgee to be closer to TAFE and achieve her goals of undertaking an apprenticeship within the local Mudgee community.

Harry's CEF support started in 2019 when he relocated 380km away from home to study at the University of New South Wales, graduating in 2022 with a Bachelor of Advanced Science, achieving First Class Honours in Microbiology.



He is currently in his third year of a Doctor of Dental Medicine at the University of Sydney and with the academic demands of his course, support from CEF has meant that the financial stress of living in Sydney is eased and he can focus more on his studies. Harry plans to return to his local community as a dentist, giving back to the region that has supported him throughout his studies.

“The continued support from CEF over my whole higher education journey has been extremely helpful. I am very grateful to be able to receive this support as it really has made it possible for me to move away and continue to study. Beyond the funding received, the community fostered in the broader CEF has helped me to make some really great connections and I look forward to continuing this.”

Harry | CEF Cootamundra

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The impact of our community-based model for student success



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