

Digital Accessibility Scholarship

One A\$1,000 award for a university or TAFE student with a practical idea for making small business websites more accessible.

Award and dates

One financial award of **A\$1,000** is available, subject to the published criteria and award discretion. Applications close **31 December 2026 at 11:59 pm Melbourne time**. Outcome notification is by **31 January 2027**. This is the first round. Future rounds have not been announced.

Who can apply

Applicants must be 18 or older when applying, currently enrolled at an Australian university or TAFE, and studying web, design, IT, marketing or a related field. Their response must be original work. International students studying in Australia may apply.

Written response

Submit **500 to 800 original words** on this prompt:

Explain a practical way to make small business websites more accessible.

Identify a barrier, explain who it affects, propose a realistic improvement and explain how you would check whether it helped. Coding experience, a portfolio, software development and a client website audit are not required.

How to apply

Complete the form on the scholarship page with your name, email, institution, course and response. Keep a copy of your response. AWE requests enrolment proof only from a finalist, before confirming the award.

Details and application page

<https://australianwebexperts.com.au/scholarship/>

Please refer to the published page for the current application details and terms. Listing is subject to each institution's own review.

Assessment and administration

Published assessment criteria

AWE management reviews eligible applications after the closing date.

Accessibility understanding, 40%: the barrier, who it affects and why it matters.

Practical value, 40%: an improvement a small business could realistically discuss, prioritise or implement.

Clarity and originality, 20%: clear reasoning in the applicant's own words and a useful way to check the result.

Award discretion

The award is at the discretion of AWE management, applying the published eligibility and assessment criteria. If no suitable applicant is identified, AWE may decide not to award the scholarship for this round.

Applicant rights and application information

There is no fee, purchase, client relationship, backlink, advertising consent or client work requirement. Applicants retain copyright. Applying does not give AWE permission to publish their name or response. Netlify Forms processes submissions for AWE. Details are used to assess applications, contact applicants, request finalist enrolment proof and administer the scholarship. Applicants should not submit payment details, identity documents, passwords, medical information or other sensitive information.

Sponsor and institution relationship

Australian Web Experts Pty Ltd funds and administers the scholarship. It is a Melbourne based business providing website development, SEO, advertising and hosting services. [ABN 98 620 155 624](#).

The scholarship is a financial award, not employment or an internship. It is not affiliated with or endorsed by a university or TAFE. Listing the opportunity does not make an institution a partner in its administration.

Student and institution enquiries

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Contact Matt about eligibility, access needs, application details or conditions.