

# APPLICATION FOR ESTEEM AWARD PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION


### About the award:

ESTEEM aims to improve the educational and wellbeing outcomes for young mothers and their children by opening a pathway to further education and providing access to social and financial support to assist with their studies. By completing the Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) program, students will prepare for further university studies and will be financially and socially assisted whilst doing so. Benefits may include transport assistance, childcare support, course equipment, printing costs, access to internet services and career advice.

Students supported through the award will develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed at university by completing four TPP subjects relevant to their chosen undergraduate degree. On completion of the TPP program, students can apply directly for entry into most USC undergraduate programs. ESTEEM applicants can also apply for additional scholarships to assist them during their undergraduate studies.

Under the ESTEEM award TPP can be completed in one semester (13 weeks) as a fulltime study load or over two semesters as a part time study load.

### Instructions:

- This form is in a fillable PDF format. Ensure you have installed the latest free Adobe PDF Reader from the Adobe Download page onto your computer
- Save this application form to your computer and type in your responses
-  Where this icon appears, you must provide supporting evidence
- Email your completed application and any supporting documents to [esteem@usc.edu.au](mailto:esteem@usc.edu.au)
- If you require any assistance with your application please contact us via the information provided below
- This application is for the ESTEEM award for a student entering into TPP - you are not required to complete a QTAC application

### Eligibility:

To be eligible for this award, applicants must be:

- A young mother aged between 17 and 25 who is in the care of their child/ren and owing to their pregnancy(s) were unable to complete year 11 or 12 at school
- Able to demonstrate financial hardship and would not be able to study without additional support
- An Australian/New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa holder

### Enquiries and Lodgement:

Submit your application and supporting documents to the below email address. For enquiries and further information, refer to the contact details below:

**Email:** [esteem@usc.edu.au](mailto:esteem@usc.edu.au)

**Website:** [www.usc.edu.au/esteem](http://www.usc.edu.au/esteem)

**Tel:** +61 7 5456 5800

**Office hours:** Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

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**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Family name:	Given name/s:	Date of Birth: d d / m m / y y y y
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**Residential address**

Number and Street:		
Town or Suburb:	State:	Postcode:

**Mailing address**  **As above**

Number and Street / PO Box:		
Town or Suburb:	State:	Postcode:

Telephone number:	Mobile phone number:
Email address:	

**2. PERSONAL STATISTICAL DETAILS**
**► What is your residency status in Australia?**

- Australian Citizen  
 New Zealand Citizen (or diplomat or consular representative)  
 Permanent resident visa (excluding New Zealand Citizens)  
 Permanent humanitarian visa holder

**► Country of birth:**

**► If not born in Australia, what year did you arrive in Australia?**

**► Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?** Yes  No

**► Is English your first language?** Yes  No  **If no, what is your first language?**

**3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

**► List the details of any post-secondary education beginning with your most recent study** (leave blank if not applicable)

Institution/School	Name of Qualification	Level of Award (e.g. Cert IV)	Complete/Incomplete	Year completed or last year enrolled

**4. PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**► What is your ideal career?**

**► How many hours are you able to commit per week to University study?**

**► What assistance would you require to support your completion of TPP?**

- Tutoring  
  Transport  
  Childcare  
  Textbooks and Stationary  
  Printing costs

Other

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- ▶ Following successful completion of the TPP program what degree would you like to study?

- ▶ Would you be prepared to incur a HECS-HELP debt to complete a degree? Yes  No

- ▶ Do you have a disability or ongoing medical condition which may affect your studies? Yes  No

Note: This information is treated confidentially and used solely in the assessment of your ESTEEM application

**5. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

- ▶ Provide a summary about yourself and why you believe ESTEEM will be beneficial to you (Maximum 200 words).


**6. FINANCIAL NEED**

- ▶ Which of the following best describes your current living situation?


- Single
- Partnered
- Wholly or partially supported financially by family other than partner or spouse
- Financially independent
- Living at parents/family home
- Living at own home

- ▶ Number and ages of children in your care

- ▶ Do you receive any Centrelink income support payment (excluding Family Tax Benefits)? Yes  No

 If Yes, you must provide a copy of a recent Centrelink statement with your application

- ▶ Are you dependent on a parent/guardian or partner/spouse who receives any Centrelink income support payment on your behalf? Yes  No

 If Yes, you must provide a copy of their recent Centrelink statement with your application

- ▶ Do you have other income from paid work?


No  Yes – If Yes,  provide 3 recent payslips with your application

How many hours on average do you work per fortnight in paid employment?

- ▶ Do you receive Rent Assistance? Yes  No

- ▶ What is your gross average fortnightly income from all sources? (Note: Gross figures are before tax is deducted)

Source of income	Amount
Centrelink income support payment (excluding family tax benefit)	\$
Employment	\$
Partner or spouse income	\$
Other / please specify:	\$
<b>Total:</b>	\$

 Attach evidence of income from all sources (eg Centrelink income statement, copies of three recent pay slips for yourself, partner or spouse)

**7. STUDENT DECLARATION**

You must read and accept all conditions in the following declaration before submitting your application. Your application cannot be considered unless you accept these conditions. By submitting this form you also:

- declare that to the best of your knowledge and belief, the information you have supplied in this application is true, correct and complete
- understand that if you provide incorrect or incomplete information this may result in the cancellation of any ESTEEM award offered by University of the Sunshine Coast
- authorise the University to verify any information provided concerning your status required under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*
- understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1955 (Commonwealth)*
- recognise that it is your responsibility to provide all required documentation
- understand that your application will be reviewed by a selection panel in accord with University of the Sunshine Coast Policy and Procedures

Student full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: dd/mm/yyyy \_\_\_\_\_**PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The University of the Sunshine Coast collects, stores and uses personal information only for the purposes of administering student and prospective student admissions, enrolment and education. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. For further information consult the University's Privacy Policy at: [www.usc.edu.au/privacypolicy](http://www.usc.edu.au/privacypolicy)