

To whom it may concern

Hi, I am Chanelle Enslin. I attend Newton Moore Senior Highschool in Bunbury, WA and I have currently completed my year 11, looking forward to attending year 12 next year, followed by UWA university to become an Orthodontist.

I have recently heard that the youth allowance for students are being rejected. As a rural student, from Bunbury WA, the lack of this helpful fund will be a great disadvantage to both me and my parents.

All of the funding towards my university attendance will have to be supported by my parents alone. As we live in Bunbury it is already a fair way to drive out to Perth. UWA situated in Perth is my only recommended option to attend in order to become an orthodontist. Hence, the fuel costs are already pretty high.

The other costs include electricity, water, gas, food and of course the actual courses at uni. Without the extra funding, less rural students will be financially able to, or motivated to attend a uni and fulfill their dream.

This lack of funding will force students to get a job while at uni, or to take a gap year in order to save up for uni. Not only is juggling a job and uni with the aim of achieving high marks difficult and stressful, it also puts rural kids behind city kids as time is spent earning money to attend uni, rather than doing the courses at uni. Not many people would want to do a course, for example dentistry, that takes 6 years to complete when they are already 1 or 2 years behind everyone else. Many students will be forced to choose the easier options and hence a lack of doctors and highly qualified positions will occur.

When picking up a course midyear through, extra costs such as costs for safety may occur—more money needed. Not many universities allow midyear entrance courses to run, hence more dreams will be shattered and students will be less motivated to achieve great careers.

The youth allowance reduces a lot of financial strain and stress on me and my parents, giving me the chance to achieve my goal.

yours sincerely

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