



PARSA
ANU *postgraduate &*
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PARSA Grocery Voucher Program

Purpose:

The PARSA Grocery Voucher Program is designed to provide access to groceries and essential items for postgraduate students who are in extreme financial hardship. The program is intended to provide assistance to students who do not have the finances available to purchase food, toiletries etc. A maximum total of \$100 worth of grocery vouchers can be granted per postgraduate student per calendar year at the discretion of PARSA Student Assistance.

Aims:

- To provide funds for food and other essential groceries to postgraduate students who are struggling to afford essential items;
- To offer a means of providing assistance to postgraduate students who do not qualify for any other means of assistance. For example students who have already used their PARSA Emergency Grant for the year.
- To provide a means of providing groceries to postgraduate students who are unable to access food aid due to availability of food aid supplies, dietary needs, religious needs etc.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria for the Grocery Voucher Program are as follows:

- Enrolled postgraduate student at the ANU;
- Unable to afford basic living costs such as food;
- Have not accessed \$100 worth of grocery vouchers through the PARSA Grocery Voucher Program in the current calendar year.

Required actions

In order to be considered for a grocery vouchers the following must be met:

- A face to face meeting with a PARSA Student Assistance staff member is required (or phone meeting for distance students or students with access issues);
- The attached form must be completed in full;
- Evidence of current enrolment must be provided, for example ISIS extract given to PARSA Student Assistance or sighted by PARSA Student Assistance;
- Subject to the situation, mutual agreement activities may be required by PARSA Student Assistance staff.



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APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Student ID: _____ Phone number: _____

Current program (E.g. Masters): _____

Have you received a voucher through the PARSA Grocery Voucher Program in the current calendar year? _____

If yes, what is the total value of the voucher/s provided? _____

REASON FOR APPLICATION

Please describe why you are currently in need of a grocery voucher:

What steps that you have taken/ agree to take in regards to your current situation:

AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION

I agree to undertake the steps outlined above. I agree to only use the grocery voucher/s for the intended purpose of emergency groceries and will not use the voucher/s to purchase alcohol, cigarettes or electronics. I understand that if information comes to PARSA that I have used these vouchers incorrectly that I may be required to pay back the amount or be ineligible for further financial assistance.

Student Signature:

Date:

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Date of meeting with student
Evidence of current enrolment sighted?
Voucher identification number
Value of voucher provided

ISSUING OFFICER

(PARSA Student Assistance staff member)

VERIFYING OFFICER

(Second PARSA Student Assistance staff member, PARSA office manager or book keeper)

Signature:

Name:

Date: