



Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship

Applications open: 24 June 2026

Applications close: 29 July 2026

Southern Ports has partnered with Curtin University to deliver an annual regional scholarship program to provide financial support for passionate individuals from the Great Southern, South West and Goldfields-Esperance regions who are looking to extend their education.

The Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship is named after Southern Ports' former Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Lewis and will provide the following support to a current student for a maximum of four years (based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester):

- A total value of \$50,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$6,250 per semester. The amount may be used at the recipient's discretion for educational expenses.
- Opportunities for paid vacation work or mentoring with Southern Ports. (Subject to availability)

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Key eligibility criteria:

- Current student (preference given to first year students).
- Undergraduate degrees in Faculty of Science & Engineering or Faculty of Business & Law.
- From the South West, Great Southern or Goldfields-Esperance regions of WA.
- Willing to relocate or has relocated to the Kalgoorlie or Bentley campus.
- Experiencing financial hardship.
- Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or Australian Humanitarian Visa holder.

For a full list of criteria visit scholarships.curtin.edu.au

To apply:

For more information or to apply please visit:

Website: curtin.edu/steve-lewis

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Tips for applying for a scholarship can be found via scholarships.curtin.edu.au



Meet Thomas Hage

2025 recipient of the Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship.

Thomas Hage was raised in Margaret River and is in his second year of his Bachelor of Engineering studies at Curtin University with support from the Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship.

An explorer, doer and problem-solver by nature, Thomas says he was drawn to engineering because it combines his strengths in maths, physics and chemistry with his enjoyment of hands-on subjects.

Thomas is receiving financial support as well as opportunities for industry experience at Southern Ports while completing his undergraduate degree.

About Steve Lewis

With more than two decades of experience Steve Lewis is one of Australia's most experienced port chief executives who has made an indelible mark on the Australian ports sector.

The scholarship funded by Southern Ports was established to commemorate Steve's service to the organisation and wider ports sector after his retirement in 2023.

One of his key drivers is the belief that we should look every day at how we're leaving something better for the next generation and building on our intergenerational assets – with people our biggest asset.



About Southern Ports

Southern Ports plays a pivotal role in facilitating global trade and logistics by serving as key nodes connecting countries and continents.

Our ports at Albany, Bunbury and Esperance are vital components of the international supply chain, serving as gateways for the movement of goods and facilitating seamless connectivity between various modes of transportation.

Southern Ports is more than just a trade facilitator. We're a solutions company that connects regional strengths to global opportunities.

A gateway to opportunity, prosperity and growth for our regions and state, we support economic development through strategic investments, professional port management and collaborative partnerships.

Our drive for innovation, world-class asset management and an uncompromising 'can do' mindset positions our customers and partners to thrive in an increasingly connected world.

Together with our customers and communities we're using the power of the ocean to move our world forward.