Documentation you may need to prepare for your Family Entry application:

- **Request for Letter of Support**
- **Evidence of Payment of the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) premium securing family membership for the duration of your student visa.**
- **Letter of Authority** if you have or will have children of school going age (5 years or more) during your scholarship. This is to confirm your children are exempt from paying the international tuition fees if enrolled at a South Australian State School.
- **Evidence of funds to support your nominated dependants:** Original bank statements for the past 6 months, an original letter from your financial institution confirming the status of your account for the past 6 months (refer to DIAC advice for details).
- **Family entry application form 157A and 919** - complete relevant sections [http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/bringing_family/how-to-apply.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/bringing_family/how-to-apply.htm)
  Please visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to help you complete your application or any other forms required.
- **Financial capacity** - evidence that you have funds to cover, living expenses, school costs for any dependent and travel costs (ie bank statements with evidence of savings history).
- **Evidence of your relationship with your nominated dependants** (eg. Certified copies of original marriage or birth certificates).

**Process of Application**

Send these documents to your family member outside Australia, who must complete their relevant sections on the form including signatures and submit all required documentation along with the visa application fees to the Australia Awards Office in your home country (unless otherwise advised by the Australia Awards Office).

*Disclaimer: Please note that there is no guarantee that your families will be issued a visa. Nonetheless, if applications are completed in full there is a reasonably good chance of success.*

The Department of Immigration and Border Patrol (DIBP) has conditions which must be met in your home country before a student dependant’s visa can be issued. It is important that your family does NOT leave home until all the entry requirements have been met, and a visa has been issued. For more information on the visa application process please see: [www.immi.gov.au/students/students/bringing_family/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/bringing_family/index.htm)

Please note members of the family unit must be under the age of 18. In practice, this means any children over 18 cannot accompany their parents to Australia unless they are enrolled in full time study and apply as a primary applicant under the relevant subclass.