

2026 APPRENTICE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applications close: 5pm 16 October 2026 | Maximum sponsorship value: \$2,000

About the program

The Apprentice Sponsorship Program supports local apprentices to develop their skills, continue their training and build their careers within Corangamite Shire. We recognise that apprentices can face significant work and study expenses while earning a training wage.

Eligible applicants may request up to \$2,000 worth of approved tools, equipment or other apprenticeship-related items. Successful applicants do not receive a cash payment. Approved items are purchased by Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown in consultation with the applicant.

Who can apply?

To be eligible, you must:

- ☐ be currently employed as an apprentice
- ☐ work within Corangamite Shire
- ☐ be enrolled in a recognised training course connected with your apprenticeship
- ☐ hold an active account with Bendigo Bank
- ☐ request items that directly support your apprenticeship, training or employment.

What can be requested?

You may request items such as:

- ☐ tools and equipment
- ☐ personal protective equipment
- ☐ work clothing or uniforms
- ☐ training materials
- ☐ other essential items directly connected with your apprenticeship.

If you are requesting something not listed above, explain why it is necessary for your apprenticeship, work or training.

Purchasing arrangements

If your application is successful, Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown will contact you to confirm the approved items and purchasing arrangements. Approved items will be purchased directly by Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown; the approved amount will not be paid to the applicant.

How applications will be assessed

Applications will be assessed against:

- ☐ eligibility for the program
- ☐ the connection between the requested items and the apprenticeship
- ☐ the demonstrated need for the requested items
- ☐ how the items will support the applicant's work, training or development
- ☐ whether the requested costs are reasonable
- ☐ the availability of program funds.

Submitting an application does not guarantee sponsorship. The Community Investment Committee may approve all or part of an application, or discuss alternative items with the applicant before making a final decision.

Before submitting your application

- ☐ Complete all sections of this form.
- ☐ Attach quotes, estimates, screenshots or supplier links where available.
- ☐ Attach any other information that supports your request.
- ☐ Email the completed application and supporting documents to secretary@cdcfi.com.au or drop the information into either our Cobden or Camperdown Branch by 5pm 16 October 2026.

If you have questions or need assistance completing the form, contact the Company Secretary at secretary@cdcfi.com.au.

Privacy notice

Cobden & District Community Finance Limited ABN 84 117 781 049, which owns and operates Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown, will collect, hold and use your personal information to assess and administer your application. Your information may be shared with Bendigo Bank and organisations that carry out functions on behalf of Bendigo Bank. For information about how your personal information is handled or how you can access it, please refer to the Bendigo Bank Privacy Policy at www.bendigobank.com.au/privacy.

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1. Applicant details

Full name	
Residential address	
Phone number	
Email address	

2. Employment and training

Employer's name	
Workplace address	
Apprenticeship or trade	
Training provider	
Course or qualification	
Current year or stage	
Expected completion date	

3. Bendigo Bank customer verification

Applicants must hold an active account with Bendigo Bank to be eligible. These details will be used only to verify eligibility and will not be used to make a payment.

Account name	
BSB	
Account number	

☐ I authorise Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown to confirm that I hold an active Bendigo Bank account for the purpose of assessing this application.

4. Items requested

List each item you are requesting. Attach a quote, screenshot or supplier link where possible. The total value requested must not exceed \$2,000.

Item requested	Why is it needed?	Preferred supplier / link	Estimated cost
TOTAL VALUE REQUESTED (maximum \$2,000)			\$

5. Tell us about your request

How will the requested items support your apprenticeship, training or employment?

Is there anything else you would like the Community Investment Committee to consider?

6. Applicant declaration

I confirm that the information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee sponsorship and that Community Bank Cobden and Camperdown may request additional information to assess my application.

Applicant signature	
Date	

7. Photography and promotion

Successful applicants may be invited to participate in photographs or promotional activities celebrating the program. Participation is optional, and declining will not affect the assessment of your application. A separate image consent form will be provided before photographs are taken or published.

Are you willing to be contacted about promotional opportunities? ☐ Yes ☐ No