



**SOUTHERN PORTS**  
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**Curtin University**



# Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship

**Applications open: 15 January 2025**

**Applications close: 5 March 2025**

Southern Ports has partnered with Curtin University to deliver an annual regional scholarship 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 or future student for a maximum of four years (based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester):

- A total value of \$112,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$14,000 per semester. The amount may be used at the recipient's discretion for educational expenses.
- Guaranteed paid vacation work or mentoring with Southern Ports.

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## Key eligibility criteria:

- Current or future 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 campuses of Kalgoorlie or Bentley.
- 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](https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au)

## To apply:

For more information or to apply please visit:

Website: [curtin.edu/steve-lewis](https://curtin.edu/steve-lewis)

Phone: 1300 222 888

Email: [scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au)

Tips for applying for a scholarship can be found via [curtin.edu.au/study/scholarships/applying-for-a-scholarship/](https://curtin.edu.au/study/scholarships/applying-for-a-scholarship/)





## Meet Lahni Davis

### Inaugural recipient of the Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship.

Nineteen-year-old Lahni Davis was born and raised in Albany and is studying a Bachelor of Advanced Science at Curtin University with support from the Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship.

Growing up in a family that was always close to the beach, Lahni said she had been drawn to a career marrying together her love of the ocean and science from a young age.

As the inaugural scholarship recipient, Lahni will receive financial support as well as industry experience at Southern Ports through paid vacation work of mentoring.

"It means I won't have to worry as much about a lot of the extra things most other uni students have to deal with – especially regional students who have had to leave home," Lahni said.

"I think it will give me a good insight into the industry I'm planning to go into," she said. "If I'm able to be around people in the environmental teams that have gone through a similar pathway to me that is going to be hugely valuable."

## 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 is a State Government-owned port authority in regional Western Australia with three port locations in Albany, Bunbury and Esperance and a support office in Perth.

As the southern gateway for trade and tourism, its diverse ports collectively facilitate more than 35 million tonnes of cargo a year across bulk commodities and containers, and provides essential infrastructure and services that underpin the state's economic growth and prosperity.

Together, its ports have a rich history of more than 350 years of operation and hold deep connections with the regional communities it operates within. Fostering and extending these connections is essential in creating a sustainable future for current and future generations and underpins its vision of 'strong regional ports, strong regions'.

For more information on Southern Ports visit [southernports.com.au](https://southernports.com.au)