

# Aboriginal Secondary School Scholarship Application

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## 1. Introduction and Guidelines

Under the Department of Justice and Community Safety (the department), Aboriginal Employment and Career Strategy, the department strongly encourages and supports a broad range of career pathway opportunities into the department.

The Aboriginal Secondary School Scholarship (the scholarship) is committed to supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) Secondary School/VCAL students to apply for financial assistance to successful applicants in assisting the completion of their Year 11 or Year 12 studies successfully.

The scholarship will award a \$1,000 once off monetary assistance to five successful candidates who are planning on completing either Year 11 or Year 12 at a Victorian government school. The scholarship recognises students who demonstrate a potential to succeed in their chosen pathway.

## 2. Eligibility

To be eligible for the Aboriginal Secondary School Scholarship (the scholarship) applicants must meet the following guidelines and meet the selection criteria through the application process.

### 2.1 Scholarship criteria

To be eligible for consideration of the scholarship, students must:

- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
- Currently planning to or undertaking Year 11 and Year 12 at a Victorian government school.

### 2.2 Purpose of scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist Aboriginal students in completing their Year 11/12 studies and the scholarship can be used for the purpose of:

- Purchase of school books.
- Purchase of laptop or electronic devices for the purpose of school.
- Pay off school fees.
- Purchase of uniform(s).
- Any costs associated directly with applicants studies.

### 3. Selection process

A selection panel made up of representatives from the department will review applications in March 2021 and select up to five successful applicants.

Selection is based on the following criteria:

- Year 10 or Year 11 results.
- A reference from at least one of the following: teachers, principal, or Aboriginal community member (refer to section 6).

### 4. How to apply

Complete the below application form if you identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Fill out the details below and attach reports and any additional documents to the application. Email completed application to: [aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au).

**Applications closing date: Sunday 14 March 2021**

#### 4.1 Student and parent/caregiver details

Student details:	
Name:	
Date of birth:	Gender:
I identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person from ..... <b>(insert your Aboriginal language group, clan or nation).</b>	
School:	
Name of Principal:	
Name of local Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO):	

**Parent/caregiver details:**

Title (e.g. Ms, Miss, Mrs, Mr):

Relationship to student:

Given names:

Surname:

**Parent/caregiver contact details:**

Residential address:

Suburb/town:

State:

Postcode:

Mobile:

Email address:

**4.2 Other scholarships**

Have you applied for other scholarships commencing the same year as this one?

Yes

No

Have you received notification that you have been successful in securing another scholarship for your current or proposed study?

Yes

No

**5. Application questions**

This section is to be completed by the student. Think about your personal, career and future goals and what you are wanting to do after completing Year 11/12 (study, work).

**1. Why is completing Year 11/12 important to you? (50 – 100 words)**

**2. If successful how do you plan to use the scholarship? (50 – 100 words)**

**3. What are your educational or career goals for the future? (50 – 100 words)**

**4. Please outline your involvement in your local Aboriginal community or events. (50 – 100 words)**

*For example: your participation in Aboriginal programs run in your community or through your school, involvement in sports, recreational activities or cultural events.*

**5. Describe a personal achievement that you are proud of (school, community or extracurricular activity). (50 – 100 words)**

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## 6. References

### 6.1 School Reference

This section must be completed by a teacher, co-ordinator, principal or KESO who can verify the students' progress and provide comment on the benefit of the scholarship.

#### School reference contact details:

Name:

Role at applicants' school:

Email:

Mobile:

#### School reference comments:

**(Students' progress in school and benefit of scholarship)**

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Signature:

Date:

## 6.2 School Principal Certification

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (*the applicant*) identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person on school enrolment records.

Principal's name:	
Signature:	Date:

## 6.3 Aboriginal Community Reference

A community reference must be completed by an Aboriginal person in your local Aboriginal community who is not an immediate family member.

Your local KESO can also be your community reference. References comments can be attached as a one A4 page maximum document.

Aboriginal community reference contact details:	
Name:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Relationship to student:	
Do you hold any role (paid or voluntary) in your local Aboriginal community?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide details:	

Referees comments: (Students' involvement in local Aboriginal community or school)	
Signature:	Date:



## 7. Declaration – student

Applicant's full name:	
Signature:	Date:

### 7.1 Declaration – parent/caregiver

Parent/caregiver full name:	
Signature:	Date:

## 8. Applicant checklist

Tick the following and submit with your application.

Have you:

- Read through and understood the guidelines?
- Met all of the eligibility criteria?
- Completed all questions?
- Signed the declaration at the end of the application form?
- Attached all relevant documents?
- Email application and supporting documents to [aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au)

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*End of application*