

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

AMOUNT

\$500

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

1 semester

WHO IS IT FOR?

Future students

WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

Bendigo or Echuca campuses

WHAT CAN IT BE USED FOR?

Tuition, Student Services fee, materials
(where applicable)

HOW IS IT PAID?

Directly to Student Administration

BACKGROUND

In recognition of the importance of building the capacity of Aboriginal communities for self-determination and creating opportunities for Indigenous Australian students to complete vocational education, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South has made available a scholarship for Indigenous students commencing full-time studies at any campus of Bendigo or Echuca TAFE.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a descendent of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, self-identify and be accepted as such by the Indigenous Australian community in which you currently reside.
- Be able to demonstrate that you have been or are overcoming significant disadvantage in pursuing your studies. Evidence is required, where possible.
- Be eligible for a Government funded place in your selected course.
- Have secured a place in your selected course prior to this application.

PLEASE NOTE

- Application for this scholarship does not mean the applicant will automatically be granted a scholarship.
- Scholarship applications will be determined by a panel of 3 IEC staff members.
- Deferring the course will make the scholarship void.
- The scholarship is to be used for one course and cannot be transferred to another course.
- Scholarships are not redeemable for cash.
- If a student fails a unit of competency from the course, they will incur any enrolment and/or other fees associated with resitting that unit.
- Applicants under the age of 18 need to obtain parental/guardian consent before submitting a scholarship application.

Disadvantage may include:

- Financial difficulty or low income
- English as a second language
- Disability or medical condition
- Family/caring responsibilities
- Geographical isolation/significant distance from campus
- Family crisis or difficult family environment
- Career/study disruption
- Other difficult circumstances

Evidence may include

(you should have at least 3 of these):

- Enrolment paperwork
- Letter explaining circumstances
- Letter from doctor/ specialist
- Letter from case worker
- Letter from respected community elder
- Centrelink Income and Asset statement
- Budget
- Quote/receipts for education related expenses

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for students commencing studies in 2019 are now open.

If you require help completing this application please contact the Indigenous Education Centre (IEC) on **5483 1340**

Lodge your scholarship application by emailing it to kjones@bendigotafe.edu.au

WHO TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Scholarship applicants will be required to attend an interview with an Indigenous Engagement Officer as part of the process for consideration for scholarship. The Indigenous Education Centre at your campus or kjones@bendigotafe.edu.au

Any other information you should know about:

Preference will be given to students experiencing financial hardship.

Preference will be given to students studying a Certificate III or IV course.

Scholarship applicants will be required to provide a statement describing their reason for applying and any hardship they have experienced, as well as a letter of support from an Aboriginal community member who is not a relative of the student.

Scholarship applicants may also be required to provide Proof of Aboriginality.

(More information at aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family/before-you-start/proof-aboriginality)

Successful applicants will be expected to attend a Rotary Club of Bendigo South dinner to provide some outcomes information, such as a photo and short 'story of change': i.e. their goals and how the scholarship has assisted. This information may be used by both Bendigo TAFE and Rotary Club of Bendigo South in reports, newsletters and marketing material. As such, an image release form will need to be completed by the candidate.

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of 3 IEC staff members. All decisions are final. Unsuccessful applicants may be informed by the Indigenous Education Centre (IEC) as to why they were unsuccessful. However, should you require further clarification you may want to contact the IEC directly.

Scholarship applicants who require further assistance, should contact Indigenous Student Support Services:

Email: kjones@bendigotafe.edu.au

PERSONAL DETAILS

Given Name 1:

Given Name 2:

Family Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male Female Other

Postal Address:

Email:

Phone:

Mobile:

Student ID number:

1. Are you Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, identify as such and are accepted by an Australian and/or Torres Strait Islander Community?

Yes No

2. Did you need to relocate to commence studies?

Yes No

3. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

Yes No

If "yes" What language is spoken at home?

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

4. What is your highest level of education prior to entering vocational studies?
5. Have you completed (or do you expect to complete this year) any other vocational or tertiary studies?
6. Are you the first to attend vocational or tertiary education in your immediate family (immediate family- parents and siblings)?
7. What is the highest qualification held by your mother (or female guardian)?
8. What is the highest qualification held by your father (or male guardian)?
9. Have you previously received any scholarships to assist you while you undertake vocational studies? If yes, what type of scholarship and when?

FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

10. Have you been severely disadvantaged over an extended period of time by your socio - economic circumstances?
Yes No
11. Describe (on a separate sheet and attach) how your financial circumstances have adversely affected your education. Please limit your response to 500 words.
12. What is your annual income (before tax):
13. Do you receive a payment from Centrelink?
Yes No
If yes, which one?

If you are receiving a Centrelink benefit you must attach an Income Statement or copy of your Low Income Health Care Card when you submit this application.

14. If you are not eligible for any Centrelink benefits, describe (on a separate sheet and attach) the financial hardship you have experienced, and explain why you are not eligible for any Centrelink benefits. State how long these circumstances have lasted and whether you expect these circumstances to continue in the future. Please limit your response to 300 words.
15. Financially, do you provide for yourself or do you rely on at least one other source of income to live?

PERSONAL DISABILITY OR MEDICAL CONSIDERATION

16. Do you have a long-term disability or medical condition which impacts on your studies?

If "yes" please describe (on a separate sheet and attach) how your condition/disability has impacted your studies. Please limit your response medical to 500 'Statement words.

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

17. Has your education been severely disadvantaged by any of the following family circumstances?

Carer duties

Dependants who have a chronic medical condition or disability

Abuse

Homelessness

Death of a parent/guardian, teacher, classmate or close friend

Multiple relocations

Parents separation/divorce

A relationship breakdown with a significant other

Describe (on a separate sheet and attach) the impact of these circumstances and how they have adversely impacted your education.

18. How many dependants do you have?

Please list your dependants, their ages, and relationship to you.

19. Who do you live with and what is your relationships to these people?

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM A RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Please note: You must also provide a Statement of Support from a respected Aboriginal person in the community. Your application is unlikely to succeed if we do not receive the requested Statement of Support. This statement can outline the barriers to education that you have faced or can describe the type of person you are.

A responsible person is defined as:

- Doctor or health care professional
- Social worker/Case worker
- School principal or teacher or senior member of school staff
- Religious or community leader
- Lawyer
- Certified accountant
- Registered counsellor
- Community Elder
- Other responsible person who has detailed knowledge of your circumstances and their educational impact

DECLARATION

All information provided by me in the following scholarship application, including supporting documentation, is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

I understand and accept that if the information provided by me in this application is deemed to be false or misleading in any way, whether it be before or after scholarship monies have been awarded, Bendigo TAFE has the right to cancel my scholarship application or immediately terminate any scholarship awarded on the basis of this scholarship application. If a scholarship is terminated or revoked, I may be liable for the re-payment of the total sum of any payments incorrectly made to me.

I understand that false or misleading information is a serious offence under the criminal code (Commonwealth).

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parent or guardian name if applicant under 18 years old:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

