

Policy Name	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Education Scholarship
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Responsible Section	Community Development
Responsible Department	Community Development
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Applicable Legislation	Nil
Related Governance Documents	Guidelines and Nomination Form - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Education Scholarship Program.
City Plan Theme	Community – A City that supports community wellbeing

1. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

This policy provides a framework for Council to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents to undertake tertiary level studies.

This policy aims to encourage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents to achieve educational aspirations and contribute to development in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

2. SCOPE

Each application to this program will be subject to the terms and conditions as outlined in this policy.

3. POLICY

- 3.1 Scholarship applications will be sought through advertisement and promotion once per year for study to be undertaken at Flinders University, the University of Adelaide or the University of South Australia.
- 3.2 Priority will be given to applicants who have not already completed an Australian bachelor's award or equivalent. Scholarships for applicants studying higher awards will be considered.
- 3.3 Applicants who demonstrate how they will use the skills, knowledge and qualification acquired through their tertiary studies to contribute or give back to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield will be looked upon favourably.

- 3.4 Each application must meet the following eligibility criteria. Applicants must:
- 3.4.1 be enrolled as a full-time student beyond the census date of the relevant semester;
 - 3.4.2 be a resident of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield;
 - 3.4.3 be a person who is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives or has lived; and
 - 3.4.4 be enrolled in or undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate course in any discipline.
- 3.5 Final offer of a Scholarship is conditional upon receipt of a Formal Offer from the nominated University.
- 3.6 The value of a Scholarship is \$5,000.
- 3.7 Successful applicants will be required to:
- 3.7.1 demonstrate to Council successful completion of study via academic transcripts each semester and on completion of study;
 - 3.7.2 notify Council if they have withdrawn from or failed to complete the course of study they are enrolled in;
 - 3.7.3 notify Council if they intend to change their nominated course of study during the period of the scholarship; and
 - 3.7.4 attend meetings with a staff member from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield for the purpose of identifying the progression status of studies and identifying (if any) further educational support/mentoring assistance is required.
- 3.8 Scholarship funds may be spent on any costs involved in undertaking University studies such as Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) fees, travel expenses, child care, computer equipment, programs, software, stationery or the costs of textbooks.
- 3.9 Council administration, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Advisory Panel, will assess each application on the merits of the application and award scholarships in the context of the philosophy of the project.
- 3.10 Scholarships may be terminated on the following grounds:
- 3.10.1 the student fails to comply with any condition of the scholarship; or
 - 3.10.2 it is determined that the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Aboriginal and Cultural Diversity Officer is responsible for the implementation and management of the policy.

5. DEFINITIONS

Nil