

2023 Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship

Guidelines

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Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship

In recognition of the deep history and culture of Tasmania, we acknowledge and pay our deepest respect to Tasmanian Aboriginal people, the original and continuing custodians of this land.

For at least 40,000 years, Aboriginal people have lived on Tasmania as a strong, resilient people.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to working for Tasmanian Aboriginal people to achieve life outcomes equal to all Tasmanians. This approach means working together in partnership and building the capacity of Aboriginal community controlled organisations and Tasmanian Aboriginal leaders.

Aim/Purpose

The Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship is intended to encourage and support young Aboriginal people residing in Tasmania to pursue or continue their career or leadership endeavours and to be role models for other young Aboriginal people.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship, candidates must:

- Be between 15 – 29 years of age;
- Meet the Tasmanian State Government requirements of Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services;
- Be a current resident of Tasmania; and

Evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Status

The Tasmanian State Government uses a three part test to determine Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services. This test requires that a person:

- Have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ancestry;
- Self-identify as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- Be recognised as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live or have lived (written confirmation from a local Aboriginal organisation is required).

NB: applicants will need to complete a Tasmanian Government Eligibility Form, which will be assessed by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs.

Funding Arrangements

Applicants can apply for a scholarship up to \$5,000 to support their chosen specific leadership or career opportunity. There is no minimum amount for your application.

The below table highlights examples of eligible vs ineligible costs that funding could be used for.

Eligible costs	Ineligible costs
Training courses or workshops	Normal cost of living (i.e. rent, fuel, groceries)
Transport to training or workshop (flights, buses, taxi) if required. <i>Note: this does not include fuel costs</i>	Extra-curricular activities (concert tickets, sporting tickets)
Training or workshop accommodation (if outside of the state or >52km from home address)	Pre-paid costs (i.e. flights purchased prior to funding being awarded)

If applicants have questions about eligible costs, they should contact the Office of Aboriginal Partnerships for clarification.

Applicants need to be aware that this is a competitive scholarship process and that their application will be assessed against specific criteria.

Assessment

A Selection Panel will review the applications. The composition of the Selection Panel will ensure both Aboriginal and young leaders' perspectives and experiences are represented; and include representatives from relevant and current award programs.

Below is a list of criteria that will be used to assess your application. Each of the criteria carry a specific weight and the assessment will be based on the level of detail and evidence provided by the applicant against the following criteria:

- Outline the activity or leadership opportunity this scholarship will assist you with. (30)
- Demonstrated involvement in your community including participation in community events past and present. (20)
- Describe how you intend to use your new skills to benefit you and or your community in the future. (50)
- Applications should not exceed 1,500 words

Timeframes

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday 15 September 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

It is intended that applicants be notified of the outcome of their application by 31 October 2023.

Below is a table for the critical dates of the grant program.

Description	Date
Program opens	4 August 2023
Program closes	15 September 2023, 5:00 pm
Outcome expected to be advised (estimated date)	31 October 2023
Funding disbursed by	30 November 2023
Successful applicant reports are expected to be completed by	30 September 2024

During the assessment process the department may, at its discretion, require further information to support or clarify an application.

All applicants will receive a notification on the progress of their application and, where possible, the outcome of the application by the estimated date above.

Successful applicants will receive a Grant Agreement or Grant Deed outlining the funding terms and conditions.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter advising they have been unsuccessful.

Unsuccessful applications will not automatically be considered in future rounds; however, unsuccessful applicants may refine and resubmit their application to any future rounds of the Grant Program. (Note: Remove this sentence if there are no further rounds envisaged).

Reporting and Evaluation

Successful applicants that receive funding through the Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship are required to complete a Final Report using a template that will be provided by Department of Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Partnerships.

Information gathered from all reports will be used to evaluate the Scholar Program and satisfy the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s reporting requirements.

The Final Report must include an explanation of how the grant funds were used.

Successful Scholarship Applications

The details of all successful applicants, including the amount of the grant they receive, will be made publicly available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s website.

Guide to Applicants

Applicants must complete the online application form, available through the <https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-grants>

If you are having difficulty accessing the application form, or have any questions regarding the application process, please don't hesitate to contact Community Partnerships and Priorities on 1800 204 224 or email at grants@dpac.tas.gov.au.

On submission of your application, you will receive a confirmation email with your application form in PDF format from Smartygrants. If you do not receive the confirmation email of your application, please contact Community Partnerships and Priorities on 1800 204 224.

Administration and Contact Details

The program will be administered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet on behalf of the Crown in the Right of Tasmania. Contact with the department for any of the following reasons can be directed to OAA@dpac.tas.gov.au.

- Further information or advice on the program
- Assistance in making an application
- Further feedback on the decision of the application
- Request a review of the decision

Taxation and Financial Implications

If you do not have an Australian Business Number (ABN) you may be required to complete a 'Statement by a supplier'. Refer to the ATO website for more information: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/Statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-ABN/>.

It is strongly recommended that applicants contact the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on 13 28 66 or www.ato.gov.au for any advice or clarification on GST.

Personal Information

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. This information may be accessed by the individual to whom it related, on request to the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Right to Information

Information provided to the Department of Premier and Cabinet is subjected to the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009*. You can view the Act in full on the Tasmanian Legislation website at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au.

Provision of Grant Funding

Assessment and approval of a grant is based on the information supplied in the grant application form.

The provision of grant funding is subject to the successful applicant meeting the requirements of the grant, being the intended purpose outlined in the grant application, any further terms and conditions outlined in a grant funding agreement/deed and meeting the terms outlined in these program guidelines.

Failure to adhere to the requirements of the grant, or the provision of false or misleading information, will require the grant funding to be returned to the department.

All successful applicants will be required to adhere to the conditions of the grant and, at a minimum, will be required to submit a final acquittal at the completion of the grant term that demonstrates the funding provided was used for the approved purpose.



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