

MADALAH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021



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MADALAH Limited is a not-for-profit organisation that offers secondary and tertiary education scholarships for Indigenous students from remote and regional communities to Western Australia's leading boarding schools and Australian universities.

We believe education is the key to generational change and opportunity, and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students, their families and communities.

MADALAH Secondary Scholarships for 2021 will be open 10th February - 14th September 2020

Apply via the website: www.madalah.com.au/who-can-and-how-to-apply

SECONDARY STUDENT CRITERIA

- 1. Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and be able to provide proof of descent
- 2. Be eligible for ABSTUDY and provide proof OR be able to demonstrate some form of disadvantage, eg; financial, geographic, etc
- 3. Be seeking a secondary school scholarship
- **4.** Apply to one of our partner schools and provide proof of offer or enrolment where you have it (this proof will be required before any scholarship can be considered)
- **5.** Must provide most recent academic results
- 6. Must have a good school attendance and behaviour record
- 7. Must provide one letter from a referee
- **8.** Scholars must have a home location in Western Australia

PROOF OF DESCENT

Proof of descent can be one of the following documents:

Letter from an Indigenous Corporation or Land Council

Parent's or Grandparent's proof of descent + child's birth certificate (if submitting proof of descent for a grandparent we will also require the parent's birth certificate)

PROOF OF ABSTUDY ENTITLEMENTS OR PROOF OF DISADVANTAGE

Please note that to be eligible for a MADALAH Scholarship you will need to be eligible for ABSTUDY or provide proof of disadvantage. If you are not already in receipt of ABSTUDY please apply as soon as possible as this process can take several weeks.

If you are not eligible for ABSTUDY but consider yourself to be disadvantaged you will be asked to determine whether this is due to financial, geographic or other.

You will also be asked to supply supporting documents, for example, a recent tax return if you consider yourself to be disadvantaged due to financial strain or proof of address if you consider yourself to be disadvantaged due to location.

If applying because you consider yourself disadvantaged in any other way please provide further detail at time of applying.

For more information about ABSTUDY you can either visit your local Centrelink branch, visit the below website or call 1800 132 317.

https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/ centrelink/abstudy

MADALAH PARTNER SCHOOLS







































SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROCESS

HAVE YOU ENROLLED INTO A MADALAH PARTNER SCHOOL?

NO

You will need to contact a MADALAH partner school (listed on the MADALAH website) and go through the enrolment process for your child. Speak to the Enrolment Officer or the Indigenous Liaison Officer who can provide more information about the school and offer support.

YES

Go to the MADALAH website and find the Secondary Scholarship Application form online. Before you fill out the application... have you checked you have the required documents to upload?

NO

Have the following documents ready to upload:

- · Proof of descent
- Proof of ABSTUDY entitlements or proof of disadvantage
- Proof of offer or enrolment at one of our partner schools (If applying to multiple partner schools please note on your application your order of preference and email through each offer letter.)
- Most recent academic results
- Referee letter
- Photo of applicant (headshot)

YES

Fill out the online Secondary Scholarship application form on the MADALAH website.

MADALAH will liaise with your school/s of choice and the school/s will complete their order of preference following their own selection criteria. MADALAH will then allocate scholarships in line with contractual obligations and the school/s selection criteria. Should you not be successful with attaining a scholarship you should seek feedback from the school directly.

If you were to be successful in receiving a secondary scholarship the scholarship funds can only be utilised for the following and must also align with any school policies:

- 1. school fees & tuition;
- 2. boarding & accommodation;
- **3.** uniforms:
- **4.** textbooks & stationary;
- **5.** IT equipment;
- **6.** school leadership, cultural or sporting camps/tours;
- 7. tutoring, mentoring or counselling; or
- **8.** personal expenses (e.g. health & hygiene).

The MADALAH Scholarship funds are paid directly to the school in two instalments, half at the start of Semester 1 and the other half at the start of Semester 2.

If your child is eligible for ABSTUDY, this is also paid directly to the school and will be utilised first.

If you require any assistance with applying please don't hesitate to contact us.

Preferred method of applying is online, however a hard copy application is available on request by emailing: scholarships@madalah.com.au



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