

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022

ABOUT THE MADALAH Scholarship Program

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.

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:

School Fees & Tuition

Boarding & Accommodation

Uniforms, Textbooks & Stationary, IT Equipment
School Leadership, Cultural Or Sporting Camps/Tours

Tutoring, Mentoring Or Counselling

• Personal Expenses (e.g. health & hygiene).

Please note that not all of the above will be covered by the scholarship. Please contact your chosen partner school to find out what the gap might look like for your family.

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.

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.

PARTNERING Schools

2022 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN 8 FEBRUARY -31 JULY 2021

WHO CAN APPLY & **ELIGILITY CRITERIA**

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and be able to provide proof of descent
 - Be eligible for ABSTUDY and provide proof OR

be able to demonstrate some form of disadvantage, eg; financial, geographic, etc

• Be seeking a secondary school scholarship

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)

- Must provide most recent academic results
- Must have a good school attendance and behaviour record
 - Must provide one letter from a referee
 - Scholars must have a home location in Western Australia

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 and 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 and/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.

We are also aware that in some cases you are not able to apply to ABSTUDY until 13 weeks prior to the commencement of term one.

You will also be asked if you consider yourself to be disadvantaged and to determine whether this is due to financial, geographic or other reasoning; supporting documentation will also be required.

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

www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/servicescentrelink/abstudy



HOW TO APPLY & Application process

Have you enrolled into a MADALAH partner school?

NO

Contact a MADALAH partner school (listed on the MADALAH website) and go through the enrolment process for your child.

Speak to the Enrolments Officer or the Indigenous Liaison Officer who can provide more information about the school and offer support with enrolment.



Go to www.madalah.com.au Find the secondary scholarship application form online.

Check you have the required documents 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

Fill out the secondary scholarship application form on the Madalah website.

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

Our 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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