

# The Law Society of New South Wales

## Indigenous Scholarship

**Background information:** Established in 2011 by the Law Society of New South Wales to assist an outstanding Indigenous student in financial need with their studies at Sydney Law School.

**Eligibility:** The Scholarship shall be awarded to one or more Indigenous student/s who are enrolled full-time in either the Combined Law, Juris Doctor, or Postgraduate Coursework degree programs.

**Basis for award:** Basis of Award: The Scholarship shall be awarded on:

- a. Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- b. Demonstrated financial need;
- c. Academic Merit (ATAR, current university grades, past university grades)

**Conditions:** Successful applicants who withdraw or suspend from the degree in the year in which the scholarship is awarded may be required to re-pay the scholarship

**Benefits:** The value of the scholarship is up to \$10,000 which may be shared between two students as determined by committee.

**Tenure:** The scholarship is tenable for one year only.

**Confirmation of Indigenous Descent:** please attach your confirmation of Indigenous Descent to this application. Applicants are required to provide confirmation that they are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. This confirmation can be in the form of a letter of identity from your Local Land Council, Legal Service, Medical Service, or other official Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, or a Statutory Declaration.

**Application:** Applications to be submitted to Sydney Law School on the attached application form with supporting documentation.

**Applications Close: 4PM FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012**



**Income and Assistance**

**Do you receive ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance?**  Yes (provide details)  No (state reasons)  
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 Amount received per fortnight: \$.....

**Do your parents assist you financially?**  Yes (provide details)  No  
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**Do you live at home and/or receive support from your family?**  Yes (provide details)  No  
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 .....  
 Total family income per year from all sources \$ .....

**University assistance**  
 Have you received or are you currently receiving any assistance from the University (including scholarships)?  
 If Yes, give details (including amount of assistance)  Yes  No  
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**Employment**  
 Type of employment during **semester**  
 Name of employer .....  
 Hours per week .....  
 Weekly wage after tax \$.....

Type of employment over **last Christmas vacation**  
 Name of employer .....  
 Weekly wage after tax \$.....  
 Total earned over vacation \$.....  
 Estimated tax return \$.....

Partner's occupation ..... Partner's net weekly income \$.....

**Other income** (provide details)  
 .....  
 .....

**Assets**  
 What other major assets do you own? (eg. property, car, shares, jewellery, electrical equipment etc)  

Asset	Value
.....	\$ .....
.....	\$ .....
.....	\$ .....
.....	\$ .....

**Current Financial Position**  
 Current Bank Balance: \$ .....  
 Do you have any debts or financial commitments to a bank, institution, friends or family?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, provide details:  
 .....  
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## Your Weekly Budget

Weekly Living Expenses	\$ Cost	Weekly Income	\$ Amount
Rent/ Mortgage		ABSTUDY	
Gas/Electricity/Phone		Youth Allowance	
Food/Housekeeping		Employment	
Lunch		Parental Assistance	
Fares		Scholarship/ Bursary etc	
Education incidentals		Disability pension	
Other		Other Income	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	

## Travel

Have you been overseas since you enrolled at this university?  Yes  No  
 Do you intend to travel overseas/interstate between now and when you graduate?  Yes  No

If Yes to either question, provide details, including reasons for travel:

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## Academic Record

Academic record detailing previous tertiary study at institutions other than the University of Sydney.

## Statutory Declaration By Applicant

(I hereby give permission to the University of Sydney to obtain any information required to substantiate this application. I have read the Conditions of Award and declare that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate).

Full Name .....

Signature .....

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:**

**Marketing and Admissions Manager  
 Sydney Law School  
 New Law Building F10  
 University of Sydney 2006**

Application checklist, please ensure you have attached certified copies of the following supporting documents:

- Confirmation of Indigenous descent.
- A copy of certified documentary evidence of financial status eg. income tax statements, youth allowance statements, parents income tax statements.
- Academic record detailing previous tertiary study at institutions other than the University of Sydney.
- A personal statement outlining their circumstances and need for the scholarship.
- A current resume and/or academic reference.

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