Mary MacKillop Foundation
Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships

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Objective
Mary Mackillop’s philosophy was ‘never see a need without doing something about it. In 1998 a woman of similar mind approached the Foundation with the intention of righting an inequality. She wanted to help level the educational playing field for Indigenous students and enable them to succeed by offering financial assistance.

We have been inspired by her vision and the vision of many others who followed, continuing the legacy of Mary MacKillop to improve access to education and eliminate barriers to success, creating intergenerational benefits for Indigenous communities.

Scholarships
The Mary MacKillop Foundation (MMF) has three scholarship categories:

1. Tertiary course fees, plus $3,000 per year towards living expenses* associated with tertiary study for duration of course.
2. $3,000 per year towards living expenses associated with tertiary study for duration of course.
3. Good Shepherd Reconciliation Scholarship - $3,000 per year towards living expenses associated with tertiary study for duration of course, female applicants only.

* Living expenses include rent, electricity, utilities, stationery, books and IT costs.

The number of scholarships awarded each year is variable.

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Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
2. Have successfully completed one year of study towards their qualification when the 2016 year begins (Good Shepherd applicants can be in first year).
3. Be enrolled full time with a recognised Australian higher education provider, such as university, college or TAFE.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed by the Scholarships Committee and awarded based on the following criteria:

- Preference will be given to applicants who:
  - Are studying their first tertiary qualification
  - Do not hold any other scholarships
- Demonstration of financial need
- Dedication and drive e.g. involvement in community, leadership skills, overcoming challenges, career aspirations
- Academic merit/potential/demonstrated ability to complete your studies

Students awarded a MMF Scholarship that includes course fees must not hold another scholarship during their MMF Scholarship.

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Scholarship student requirements

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Submit progress reports, including academic results, each semester/trimester
- Submit HECS-HELP/course invoices each semester/trimester
- Nominate a Mentor who they must meet with on a regular basis each semester/trimester for the duration of their qualification
- Provide Mary MacKillop Foundation with digital media to be used for promotional purposes
- Join Mary MacKillop Foundation Scholars & Alumni Group
- Represent the Mary MacKillop Foundation at an event each year, promoting the good work of the Foundation.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm Friday 14 October 2016.

All applicants will receive notification of the outcome via email.

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