

Ida West Scholarship

Application Form Ida West Aboriginal Health Scholarship

Scholarship details

Respected Tasmanian Aboriginal Elder, Aunt Ida West passed away in September 2003. Aunty Ida had been a long time campaigner and advocate for her people and worked very closely with politicians and Government officials.

Aunty Ida is widely recognised for the significant contribution she made to social justice and reconciliation both in Tasmania and on a national level.

To pay tribute to the life and work of Aunty Ida, the Department of Health (DoH) has established an annual Scholarship in her name. The Ida West Aboriginal Health Scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students completing a formal qualification at University or Vocational Education (TAFE or other) provider in a health or human services related field.

The Scholarship aims to address the under-representation of Aboriginal people in health professions and other health and human services related occupations.

The scholarship is specifically for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students.

Scholarships are awarded each year. A scholarship for a fulltime course is \$5 000 per year of study. The total Scholarship amount you could receive is \$15 000.

Please refer to the Scholarship Guidelines for full details. These can be accessed via the [DoH website](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/career/home/scholarships) (www.health.tas.gov.au/career/home/scholarships)

Completing this application form

You have two options:

1. complete this form on the computer and then send it to the email address at the end of this form or
2. print the form, complete it manually and then either email it or send it to the address provided at the end of this form.

Please ensure a completed application provides all of the requested information.

Applicant Details

First Name(s):		Surname:	
Date of Birth:		Phone Number:	
Email Address:	<i>Please note that ALL formal communication will occur by email so please ensure this information is correct</i>		
Home Address:			

Like the Australian Government, the Tasmanian Government uses a three-part test to determine Eligibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services.

The three-part test requires a person to:

1. have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ancestry, and
2. self-identify as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
3. 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.

For further information regarding eligibility, visit the [Department of Communities website](https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/oa/eligibility_policy) (https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/oa/eligibility_policy)

Scholarship Eligibility

Please answer the following questions about your eligibility for this scholarship.

1. Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (if your answer is NO, you are NOT eligible for this scholarship)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you previously been assessed for eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. If you have answered yes to being previously eligible for programs and services, please provide the name of the organisation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you give the Department of Health permission to check with the relevant agency and/the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Please complete and submit an eligibility form if you have not previously been assessed for Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services. (https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/16186/Eligibility_form....PDF)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. You must be a current resident of Tasmania or intending to move to Tasmania in order to commence study for which the Scholarship applies. Are you a resident of Tasmania? If you answered no, please provide comment:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Applicants cannot be intending on working in full time employment while completing their qualification. Full time is defined as 34 hours per week or more. If you are employed, how many hours do you intend to work when you are studying?	

8. Are you receiving any other financial support to study including other scholarships? If you answered yes, please provide details:

Yes No

Course Information

An eligible course includes a full time accredited health or human services related Undergraduate (University) or vocational education (TAFE) course.

9. What is the course you will be studying?

10. Who is the educational provider?

11. What is the duration of the course?

12. Do you intend to study full time? Yes No

13. If you intend to study part time what percentage is your course load, ie 50% or 75% of the full time course?

14. Are you enrolled in the course? If yes, please attached evidence of enrolment. Yes No

15. Have you completed any of the course? If yes, please provide comment below. Yes No

Address the Selection Criteria

16. What is the likelihood that you will complete your studies? (Include history of previous study completed, available support and personal commitment). Your answer should be 250 words or less.

17. Once you have completed your studies, what contributions will your qualifications bring to the health of the Aboriginal community? Your answer should be 250 words or less.

Application Checklist

Completed application form contains:

Eligibility form (attach to application) including Statutory Declaration	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation from an Aboriginal Organisation or permission to contact the relevant agency to confirm previous eligibility and / or the Office of Aboriginal Affairs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation of course enrolment (attach a copy). If waiting on confirmation of enrolment, attach a copy of receipt of application.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Application Submission

Please email your complete application to iws@health.tas.gov.au. Alternatively, you may post you completed application to:

Ida West Aboriginal Health Scholarships
Office of the Chief Nurse and Midwife
Department of Health
GPO Box 125, Hobart TAS 7001

All enquiries can be emailed to iws@health.tas.gov.au or phone: (03) 6166 1570

If you require assistance completing this form, please contact Jeanette Kelly at iws@health.tas.gov.au or phone (03) 6166 1563