

THE DR HEATHER RADI SCHOLARSHIP

The Public Education Foundation's Dr Heather Radi Scholarship supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in NSW public schools that:

- are in areas classified as Remote or Very Remote schools (according to the Australian Geography Standard); or
- have ICSEA score below 700; or
- have previously been eligible for the scholarship.

The intent of the scholarship is to allow students to engage, learn, strive, reach their full potential and excel through their final two years of secondary education. Please see below for a full list of eligible schools.

The scholarship is named in honour and memory of Dr Heather Radi: historian, feminist, teacher, environmentalist and a woman of great integrity, wisdom, and generosity. Dr Radi knew from personal experience that a scholarship could change, improve and enrich one's life, and impact positively on one's community.

The scholarship will provide financial support to help the student with resources and services relevant to improving their educational outcomes. It will include a payment of \$2,000 in Year 11, a second payment of \$2,000 in Year 12 and a final payment of \$3,000 upon enrolment in University or vocational training with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). It will be shaped by the needs of the student with support and input from relevant parties which may include the school principal, the Foundation and/or the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Face to face or online tutoring
- Incidental fees (eg. Text book hiring, costs associated with a specialised subject etc)
- Uniforms and school shoes (including school sports clothing)
- Stationery and general office items and equipment
- Text books
- Laptop or iPads or other similar devices
- Printers
- Internet connection for study at home
- School excursions and school camps
- Costs associated with work experience linked to VET subjects
- Furniture for study such as desk, chair, lamp etc

If a student leaves public school before the end of Year 12, the scholarship will lapse. If a student, upon completion of Year 12, chooses to defer their post-school placement the Foundation will consider deferring the third payment for a period of no longer than 12 months. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the scholarship terms and conditions available on our website at www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-awards-terms

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled in Year 11 in 2019 in one of the following schools:

Baradine Central School, Boggabilla Central School, Bourke High School, Brewarrina Central School, Cobar High School, Collarenebri Central School, Coonamble High School, Goodooga Central School, Gulargambone Central School, Hillston Central School, Ivanhoe Central School, Lake Cargelligo Central School, Lightning Ridge Central School, Lord Howe Island Central School, Menindee Central School, Moree Secondary College Albert St Campus, Mungindi Central School, Norfolk Island Central School, Nyngan High School, Taree High School, Tottenham Central School, Tullibigeal Central School, Walgett Community College - High School, Wilcannia Central School

- Has a proven attendance record in 2018 at or above 86.5%
 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - Australian citizen or permanent resident
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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to do well at school and be able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching that potential
 - Positive attitude towards school and high attendance rates
 - Intention to complete their HSC and continue on to tertiary / vocational education
 - Disadvantage currently preventing the student from realising potential and/or successfully completing their studies
 - Demonstrate they participate in school life
 - Indigenous community links
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SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation, the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicant for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school principal will also receive notification directly.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Dr Heather Radi Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website - <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

Please note that all applications are now received via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a FluidReview account to access the form.

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email
- Residence status
- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two)
 - name
 - phone number
 - relationship to student
 - email address
- School details:
 - name of school
 - address
 - principal name
 - email
- School Point of Contact – the person at the school who you would like correspondence sent to – name, phone number and email
- Basic information about you / your family:
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - if you are from a Non-English-Speaking Background
 - country of origin of your parents and yourself
 - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- A recent photograph of yourself (head shot)
- A statement outlining why you, the applicant, is a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please also outline your academic plan (PDF or word format, maximum 400 words)
- A statement from your parent/carer describing their hopes and aspirations for you as you progress through your education (PDF or Word document, maximum 400 words)
- A copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- A personal reference from an Aboriginal Community member which addresses the selection criteria (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words)
- A supporting statement from your Principal (the Principal will be sent an email requesting them to complete a statement of support)

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school, or that you endorse the application.

DRAFT PAPER APPLICATION FORM

Our online applications are a mandatory part of the PEF process; however, we are aware that this can cause additional challenges for schools assisting with scholarship applications. We have developed a paper application form which will hopefully assist with this process. Please note that the application must still be completed online but the following statements may be uploaded as handwritten documents if required:

- Parent/Carer Statement
- Reference from an Aboriginal Community member
- Signed Terms and Conditions

Please make sure they are legible.

If you require a paper version of this application, please contact PEF on info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalized your application and all elements are complete (including references as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by **11.59pm on Tuesday 23 October 2018**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 9266 8256 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au