

GO FOUNDATION - PEF SCHOLARSHIP

The GO Foundation – PEF Scholarship aims to support indigenous students to successfully progress through school to completion.

The GO Foundation seeks to empower Indigenous youth through education. Scholarships are provided in a collaborative model with partner organisations and provide access to cultural mentoring, corporate mentoring and pathways to post-secondary education and employment. The GO Foundation Scholarship is an entry point to a collaborative ecosystem – a network for Indigenous students and their communities. Through this collaborative model, the GO Foundation seeks to assist Ecosystem Partners to better understand the unique perspective of Indigenous students and the richness they can add to the workplace.

The recipient will receive the scholarship for the term of the scholarship as long as they remain enrolled in a public school, shows reasonable academic progress and continue to meet the conditions of the scholarship. The scholarship can be tailored over time to meet the specific circumstances, interests, and learning needs of the recipient. It will be shaped by the needs of the student with support and input from relevant parties which may include from the School Principal, the GO Foundation and/or the Public Education Foundation.

GO Foundation-PEF Scholarships will be offered to students entering year 11 in 2020 in **metropolitan public high schools** in the **greater Sydney region, greater Adelaide region and the ACT**. Each scholarship is for a total of two years and recipients receive funding of \$2,500 per year (total of \$5,000). In addition to financial support, each scholarship recipient will be provided with access to the GO Foundation's support, mentoring services and access to other opportunities.

The scholarship is to cover educational expenses such as:

- Incidental fees (eg text book hiring, costs associated with a specialised subject etc)
- Uniforms and school shoes (including school sports clothing)
- Stationary 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
- Face-To-Face Tutoring or Online Tutoring

If a student leaves public school before the end of the scholarship term, the scholarship will lapse. 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

- Attends a Public School in the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (as defined by the ABS) in NSW or South Australia or a public high school in the ACT
- Currently in Year 10 (in 2019)
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Australian citizen or permanent resident

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. Applicant should demonstrate an aspiration to work hard and achieve. Academic performance is helpful evidence, but it is not the only way in which an applicant might demonstrate a strong work ethic.
- 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
- Demonstrate they contribute in the community and/or in extracurricular activities
- Indigenous community links. Applicant should demonstrate a strong cultural identity or a desire to understand more about their cultural heritage.
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate a desire to give back to their community or family through service, volunteering, helping or being a member of community organisations

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 GO Foundation 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 a GO Foundation – PEF 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 (*please ensure you nominate an email account that you regularly access*)
- 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:
 - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - your mob/family/traditional owner/language group
 - who is the primary caregiver at home
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - 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
 - if you have a diagnosed disability or learning difficulty
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- A response to a set of questions explaining why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria
- A copy of your most recent school report ready to upload (PDF or word format)
- A copy of your most recent NAPLAN results ready to upload (PDF or word format)
- 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 online)

Note for Community Member references: It is critical that the Aboriginal community member reference is specific and supportive of the student. Generic references will disadvantage an applicant.

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:

- Reference from an Aboriginal Community Member
- Signed Terms and Conditions

Please make sure they are legible and signed.

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

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised 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 17 September 2019.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

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

For further information about the GO Foundation please visit www.gofoundation.org.au