Torres Strait Regional Authority

**Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme (ATES) Scholarship**

**Application Form 2016**

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| **Application Instructions** |
| * Answer all questions yourself, to the best of your ability * Ensure handwriting is clear and easy to read * Make sure you add all required attachments * Sign and date the form when you finish filling it out * Correctly label and submit your application by COB **Friday 5 February 2016** via:   **Fax :** 07 4069 1879  **Email:** [shakira.whap@tsra.gov.au](mailto:shakira.whap@tsra.gov.au)  **Post:** Torres Strait Regional Authority, PO Box 261, Thursday Island QLD 4875  **Hand deliver:** Torres Strait Regional Authority, Level 1 Torres Strait Haus, 46 Victoria Parade, Thursday Island QLD 4875 |

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| **Eligibility** |
| To be eligible for the TSRA ATES Scholarship you must be:   * An Indigenous person living in the Torres Strait region * Motivated and committed to undertaking university studies * Planning to study an undergraduate degree for the first time * Planning to study full-time on campus * Able to lodge your university application through QTAC online, and provide your university acceptance as soon as it’s received |

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| **Selection Criteria and Process** |
| It is important for applicants to note the following:   * Priority will be given to students undertaking fulltime study at University for the first time, and who have had to relocate to undertake their studies * Both merit and financial need will be equally considered in the selection process * Applications are competitive, and applicants will be assessed on the degree of motivation expressed in their personal written statement * TSRA will convene a selection panel to assess the applications, and interviews may be required. * Applicants will be notified of their success in writing in early 2016 |

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| **Personal Details** | | | |
| Surname: | | | |
| Given Names: | | | |
| Preferred Name: | | | |
| Age: | | Date of Birth: / / | |
| Are you an Indigenous person living in the Torres Strait? **Yes/No** | | | |
| Home Address: | | | |
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| Community: | State: | | Postcode: |
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| **Course Details** |
| Have you lodged your university choices online with QTAC? **Yes/No**  If so, please provide relevant documentation to support this claim. |
| **Please Note:**  **It is extremely important** that you access the QTAC web site at **www.qtac.edu.au** to submit your university application online. There are two options for QTAC applications – for current year 12 students apply through the *Twelve-To-Tertiary* option, and for non year 12 applicants via the *Apply-By-Web* application on the QTAC website.This enables you to apply for a place at a university. Please note that **this is a pre-requisite to applying for a Scholarship** and should therefore be done immediately.  You can also phone QTAC on 1300 467 822 for assistance with your application.  NB. You are required to provide confirmation of your university acceptance from QTAC before your application will be further considered. Please provide this notification as soon as you receive. |

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| Please list all the courses and universities you put as preferences on your QTAC form:  (If you are already studying, please write down the course and university you are enrolled in)  (be sure to note whether the course is an undergraduate or postgraduate degree or a Diploma) |
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| Do you intend to study fulltime? **Yes/No** Do you intend to study on campus? **Yes/No** |
| Have you previously completed an undergraduate degree at any university? **Yes/No**  Please provide details: |
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| **University Preparation** |
| Do you feel that you are prepared to move away from home to undertake University studies? **Yes/No** |
| Does your ability to attend university depend on receiving further or outside financial assistance? (this includes ABSTUDY, other scholarships and your family) **Yes/No**  If so please provide details: |
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| Have you successfully completed any short courses or professional development programs? **Yes/No**  If so please provide details: |
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| Have you completed any other tertiary courses (e.g. TAFE)? **Yes/No**  If so please provide details: |
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| Have you attended any university preparation courses, sessions or inductions prior to your application? (such as the JCU Uni-Prep Course)  **Yes/No** Please provide details: |
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| **Attachments** |
| Please attach the following documents to your application form:   * Your resume. This should include details of your secondary school education, any other qualifications or achievements, and your work history (including volunteer work) * A letter of support from any Torres Strait Community organisation. * Two written references and contact details from referees (i.e. Teacher, employer etc) * A written statement of up to 500 words that explains what you wish to achieve through your university studies, how you believe you will contribute to the Torres Strait Community after completing your study, and how the receipt of the ATES scholarship will assist you financially in undertaking your university studies. * Academic records, if you are already studying * Details of any other scholarships or financial support you are receiving for your study in 2016   NB. You are required to provide confirmation of your university acceptance from QTAC before your application will be further considered. Please provide this notification as soon as you receive. |

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| **Declaration** |
| The ATES Scholarship was established by TSRA to assist indigenous people in the Torres Strait in participating in Tertiary education. It is essential that applicants who are offered this scholarship are prepared to participate in their study and strive to succeed.  I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declare the information provided in this application to be correct.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  Applicants Signature Date |