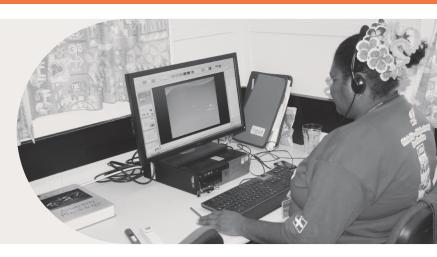
# We are offering four one-year scholarships, each valued at \$6,000

The ATES Scholarships are awarded annually. The Scholarships are valued at \$6,000 per year for full-time students. \$3,000 is paid at the start of each semester to help with living and study related expenses.



#### **Applications Close Second Friday in January**

Application kits and further information can be obtained from the Torres Strait Regional Authority on (07) 4069 0700 or email info@tsra.gov.au



#### Am I eligible?

You can apply for a Scholarship if you meet all the following conditions:

## You are an Indigenous person living within the Torres Strait

The Scholarships provides tertiary study assistance to people from the Torres Strait.

### You are motivated and committed to study

Write about your motivation and commitment in your application. You may need to talk about this in a possible selection process interview.

## You must not have previously completed an undergraduate course

The Scholarships are designed to assist Indigenous people from the Torres Strait to obtain an undergraduate degree for the first time.

## You must be studying an appropriate undergraduate degree in 2012

To be eligible, you can be either commencing a full-time undergraduate degree or be partway through your full-time undergraduate degree.

If you have already commenced your undergraduate degree please write down the course details in Section 2.

#### The Morey Scholarship

Senator Sue Boyce of Queensland supports the Morey Scholarship for an indigenous woman from the Torres Strait.

Applicants can apply for other Scholarships up to the value of \$15,000 and still receive the **TSRA** Scholarship. Inform the **TSRA** of all other scholarship applications.

#### How do I apply?

You need to have completed and lodged the QTAC Tertiary Study Application Form (Twelve-To-Tertiary, or Apply-By-Web) from the QTAC website, then simply:

## Complete the Scholarship application form

#### Provide your resume

This should include details of your secondary school education, and any other qualifications or achievements.

### Provide a written personal statement

In no more than 300 words describe what you want to achieve by studying at university and how you will be able to contribute to the Torres Strait community after completing your study.

#### Provide two referees

Provide the names and contact details of two referees. Indicate your relationship to referees, for example, a teacher or employer.

## Provide a letter of support from any Torres Strait community organisation

Provide a community organisation letter of support.

Detail the involvement of the applicant and provide examples of the applicant's motivation and ability to undertake the studies. Proof of your identity as an indigenous person residing in the Torres Strait is also required.

## Academic records if you are already studying

Attach copies of all relevant documentation which supports your application; and

Return the application form and the documents to the **TSRA** 

## What is the Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme (ATES)?

The **TSRA** established ATES to help people in the Torres Strait to take part in Tertiary Education by providing financial assistance towards living and study expenses. ATES provides a small number of Scholarships to individuals selected through an application process.

Applications are called at the end of each through advertisements in the Torres News.

The **TSRA** also administers the 'Morey Scholarship', which is supported by Queensland Senator Sue Boyce. This Scholarship is for an Indigenous woman from the Torres Strait.

Scholarships will be allocated to students willing and able to study on campus. On campus students generally have higher completion rates.

#### **Conditions**

Continued Scholarship payments are conditional upon satisfactory study progress. Semester One results must be forwarded to the TSRA as soon as they are available. Provided satisfactory progress is being made, the Semester 2 payment will be released.

Students experiencing difficulties with studies or contemplating withdrawing or deferring must consult with the TSRA in a timely manner and before making any withdrawal or deferral decisions. In the case of the Morey Scholarship students should consult Senator Sue Bovce.

Deferment of the Scholarship for one year will only be possible for personal or family illness, bereavement or other exceptional circumstances. The TSRA will consult with the university prior to any decision to defer Scholarship payments.

The recipient of the Morey Scholarship is required to have at least one face-to-face meeting per semester with Senator Boyce, in Brisbane or other suitable location.

Successful Scholarship students should note that their name, photo and case study may be used by the TSRA for promotional purposes.

#### Will the Scholarship affect my Abstudy payments?

Students can earn up to \$236 per fortnight (or \$6,136 per year) without ABSTUDY payments being affected.

For more information about your ABSTUDY circumstances you are encouraged to contact Centrelink on **13 24 90.** 

#### Application dates will be advertised from December

Applications which do not contain all the required information will not be considered.

Late applications will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances. To submit a late application the applicant will need to advise the TSRA of the circumstances.

Information and documentation will remain confidential. It will not be disclosed to any person outside those people involved in the Scholarship selection process.

The **TSRA** will notify successful applicants in writing prior to the start of the academic year.



## Planning to Study at University?

Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme (ATES) Scholarship

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