

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**

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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 Boyce.

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?

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(ATES) Scholarship

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