

Torres Strait Regional Authority

Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme (ATES) Scholarship

Application Form

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions yourself, and to the best of your ability.
- Ensure your handwriting is clear and easy to read.
- Make sure you include all required attachments.
- Sign and date the declaration on this form.
- Submit your application by **5.00pm (AEST) 20 February 2026** via:

Email: gnlteammbx@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.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Scholarship you must be:

- A Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal person living in the Torres Strait Region (including the communities of Bamaga and Seisia).
- Motivated and committed to undertaking university studies.
- Studying to complete your first undergraduate degree.
- Enrolled as a full-time student.
- Committed to returning to work in Torres Strait

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

It is important for applicants to note the following:

- Priority will be given to students (of any age) undertaking full-time study for their first bachelor's degree and who have relocated from the Torres Strait region to undertake their study.
- Both merit and financial need will be equally considered in the selection process.
- Applications are competitive, and applicants will be assessed on their written statement and supporting documentation.
- The TSRA will convene a selection panel to assess the applications, and further information may be sought from applicants if required.
- Applicants will be notified of the success of their application in early **March 2026**.

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 *:		
Community: State: Postcode:		
Postal Address:		
Community: State: Postcode:		
Phone Number:	Mobile Number:	
Email Address:		
<p>* Note that you may be asked to provide evidence that you have moved from the Torres Strait to undertake your study. Suitable evidence might include a driver's licence or proof of age card, correspondence from a government agency, bank statement, utility bill or declaration letter from a Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal organisation located in your home community.</p>		

COURSE DETAILS		
University:		
Course code and undergraduate degree:		
Duration of this course (years):		
How many years have you been studying this course? (please indicate specific years)		
How many years until you complete this course?		
Please select your current enrolment type:		
<input type="radio"/> Full-time on Campus <input type="radio"/> Full-time external (online) <input type="radio"/> Full-time Block release (mixed-mode)		
<input type="radio"/> Other (Please specify):		

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

Have you previously studied at a tertiary institution (TAFE, Institute of technology, University etc)? If so please provide the name of the institution, the course that you commenced (even if you did not complete the course) and the years that you studied:

Have you completed any short courses or professional development programs? **Yes / No**

If so, please provide details:

Have you attended any university preparation courses / sessions, orientation days or inductions prior to this application? (such as the JCU Uni-Prep Course) **Yes / No** Please provide details:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

How will you be financially supported during your study? – e.g. Abstudy / part-time work / parental support / other) Please provide details:

Before submitting an ATES Scholarship application, it is recommended the following checklist be used to ensure the application is complete and contains the information needed for the application and assessment process.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST	
New Applicants:	
	1. Your resume. This should include details of your secondary education, other qualifications or achievements and any work history (including volunteer work). The resume should also include contact details for two referees (teacher, employer, coach etc).
	2. Evidence of your Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander heritage** (see below).
	3. A written statement from one referee (i.e. Teacher, employer, or community organisation etc.) – this may be one of the referees listed in your resume but does not have to be.
	4. Your written statement, of up to 500 words, outlining your motivation and aspirations for undertaking this course.
	5. Proof of enrolment and if you have already commenced your undergraduate studies, transcript of academic records from the prior year.
	6. Financial support documents: e.g. details of any other scholarships (letters of offer).
Previous ATES Scholarship Recipients:	
	1. Your written statement of up to 500 words outlining your motivation and aspirations for undertaking this course.
	2. Proof of enrolment as at your University census date and your transcript of academic records.

DECLARATION	
<p>The Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme was established by the TSRA to assist Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the Torres Strait region to participate in tertiary education. It is essential that applicants who are offered this scholarship are prepared to participate in their study and strive to succeed.</p> <p>I, _____ declare the information provided in this application to be true and correct.</p> <p>_____ Applicants Signature</p> <p>_____ Date</p>	

** This Program is only open to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal residents of the Torres Strait Region, and you must provide evidence of your Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal heritage. Examples of acceptable forms of evidence include:

- A confirmation of Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal descent form, executed by a delegated officer from a Local Government Authority, or a registered Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate; **OR**,
- A letter signed and executed by the Chairperson of an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, confirming that you are recognised as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.