

# MARY MACKILLOP

## today

First Nations Tertiary Scholarship Application Guidelines

Applications close  
5pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

### *Scholarship description*

**The Mary Mackillop Today First Nations Tertiary Scholarship includes:**

- \$5,000 per year towards living expenses\* associated with tertiary study for the duration of their course (in two yearly payments of \$2,500).

\* Living expenses include rent, electricity, utilities, stationery, books and IT costs. The amount of \$5000 per year is based on full time enrolment in tertiary study.

The number of scholarships awarded each year is variable.

### *Objective*

Mary MacKillop believed in the power of education to transform lives. In her legacy the Sisters of Saint Joseph have continued to empower individuals and communities by providing access to education. Since 1998 these tertiary scholarships for the First Nation Peoples of the lands in which we live have addressed the financial barriers faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and supported them to access and achieve their academic goals.

### *Eligibility*

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

1. Be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
2. Be enrolled with a recognised Australian higher education provider, such as university, college or TAFE **OR** have applied to study full time with UAC or directly to a tertiary institution.

### *Selection Criteria*

The questions in the application form are designed to address the following selection criteria. By responding to each question in the application form you should address the selection criteria below.

### **1. Your circumstances**

The Mary MacKillop Today First Nations Tertiary Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship. As such preference will be given to applicants who face financial and other barriers to achieving their academic goals. The questions on page three of the application form are designed to give applicants the opportunity to describe aspects of their education history, family life and wellbeing, as well as any other areas that they identify as significant, giving particular attention to how these can impact academic study.

### **2. Your commitment to achieving your academic goals**

Student commitment and dedication to the achievement of goals will also be taken into consideration and as such demonstration of students' abilities to commit to their studies will form part of the selection criteria.

### **3. Your current qualification level**

Preference will be given to applicants who are studying their first tertiary qualification or bridging course and who do not hold any other scholarships.

#### **How to apply:**

There are three ways you can apply for a scholarship:

1. Complete the Scholarship Application Form which can be downloaded from the Mary MacKillop Today website and email to [applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au](mailto:applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au). You must also attach the required supporting documents.
2. Visit the Indigenous Scholarships portal ([www.indigenousscholarships.com.au](http://www.indigenousscholarships.com.au)), create a personal profile, search for the Mary MacKillop Today Scholarships, answer the questions and submit your application. All supporting documents must also be uploaded to the portal.
3. Video submission. Using your smartphone, create a video that answers questions 1 to 9 on the Scholarship Application Form. Please clearly state your name at the beginning of the video. Send your video, as well as page one of the application form and all supporting documents, to Mary MacKillop Today via DropBox. You must email the DropBox to [applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au](mailto:applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au).

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### *Scholarship student requirements*

If successful you will be required to:

- Submit progress reports to Mary MacKillop Today, including academic results, each semester/trimester.
- Nominate a Mentor from the educational institution (within one month of commencing study) who you can meet with on a regular basis each semester/trimester if needed for the duration of your study.

**Applications must be submitted to [applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au](mailto:applications@marymackilloptoday.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday 31 October 2018.**

All applicants will receive notification of their scholarship outcome via email.

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