

105 – Commonwealth Scholarships

A scholarship is a grant or financial gift awarded to support a student's education. There are hundreds of scholarships available for Indigenous students.

1. [Commonwealth Scholarships](#) (funded by the Australian Government) are designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship.
2. Contact Abstudy or staff from your Indigenous Unit or Centrelink to learn if Commonwealth Scholarships will impact your Centrelink benefits and which scholarships you can receive at the same time before you apply.
3. Before applying for these and other scholarships, you may need some of the following:
 - a. University Admission Centre number (if required).
 - b. University Enrolment Statement to prove full-time study.
 - c. Documentation of financial hardship (i.e. proof of Abstudy).
4. To apply:
 - a. Read the [Commonwealth Scholarships Questions and Answers](#).
 - b. If you need assistance to apply, contact your Indigenous Unit at university.
 - c. Follow all instructions to complete your application online.
 - d. Keep a record of the scholarships you apply for. You may not be eligible to receive multiple scholarships, so ensure you read the terms of receiving a scholarship before accepting it.
 - e. Contact your Indigenous Unit to let them know that you've lodged an application.
5. For other Indigenous Scholarships, see *Guide 106 – Indigenous and other scholarships*.