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A scholarship is a grant or financial gift awarded to support a student's education. There are hundreds of scholarships specifically designed for Indigenous students and they can be found via the Indigenous Scholarships website, university scholarships website and on government websites.

1. As with most application processes, you may need to upload a few documents including:

- a. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Heritage
- b. Identification in the form of drivers licence, passport etc.
- c. University or College transcripts if required
- d. Proof of current enrolment at university
- e. References, resume, portfolio of work etc.

2. Indigenous Scholarships - Refer to the Indigenous Scholarships website. Use the search functions on the website to find the appropriate scholarships for your degree.

- **3.** University Scholarships All universities issue scholarships for their students. Search for 'scholarships' on your university's website. If there is a Scholarships Office at your university, contact them for assistance. Some universities allow you to register your details on a Scholarships Database.
- **4. Government Scholarships** See *Guide* 106 *Commonwealth Scholarships*.
- 5. Equity Scholarships from Admission Centres and Universities University Admission Centres offer Equity Scholarships for LowSES, Regional, Remote and Indigenous students. After applying for university via a University Admissions Centre, you will need to lodge a separate application to be considered for an Equity Scholarship. For universities in Western Australia and Tasmania, apply directly to the university for Equity Scholarships.
- 6. Talk to friends One of the easiest ways to learn about scholarships is to talk to your friends. Many students who have been studying at university for a while will have had some experience in applying for a scholarship. They may recommend scholarships to you and even give you some hints and tips on how to apply.