

APPLICATION KIT 2019

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

In 2013 as part of its' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) announced a new scholarship to be awarded to a successfully selected Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Australian South Sea Islander student from the Gladstone and Bundaberg region. The Talent Today, Talent Tomorrow Scholarship aims to facilitate increased opportunities for local Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander people by recognising and supporting their commitment to further education. The scholarship provides financial support of up to \$21,000 over a three (3) year period for one (1) successful candidate enrolled in an undergraduate program.

Applications are invited from both beginning and continuing students from **Monday, 25 February** and close at **5pm on Friday, 22 March 2019**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to receive the GPC Talent Today, Talent Tomorrow Scholarship applicants must:

- Be enrolled at an approved Australian University at HELP census date
- Be enrolled in either part-time or full-time undergraduate academic program
- Provide evidence that they belong to either the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Australian South Sea Islander community
- Provide evidence that they, or their parents, reside in either the 4670, 4677, 4678, 4680, 4694 or 4695 postcode areas.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants should complete an application form **and** provide a 500 word statement demonstrating:

- How this Scholarship will assist with their studies
- Involvement in community and connection to culture to date
- Description of key achievements
- Career aspirations
- Any additional documentation or evidence to support their application.

Applicants are required to include two (2) referees:

- One (1) Professional or Academic Referee
- One (1) Personal Referee (must have known applicant for at least two (2) years)

Please note: GPC may contact an applicant's referees to discuss their scholarship application.

COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE

GPC will send correspondence regarding a successful or unsuccessful application to the mailing address listed on the scholarship application. Applicants are required to notify GPC's Indigenous Affairs Advisor of any changes to their contact details via the details below:

GPC Indigenous Affairs Advisor
Indigenous Affairs Team
PO Box 259
Gladstone Q 4680
Phone: 07 4976 1450
Email: indigenousaffairs@gpcl.com.au

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

To receive ongoing scholarship payments, recipients must maintain satisfactory academic performance, i.e. scholarship recipients must pass the requisite program designated GPA or pass level for each subject, or as an average, as is required by each university.

GPC's Indigenous Affairs Advisor will consult with the recipient's university in order to monitor academic progress and enrolment status for continued scholarship payments.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

At the end of each semester, scholarship recipients may be required to submit a copy of their academic transcript or certificate of attainment directly to GPC's Indigenous Affairs Advisor at indigenousaffairs@gpcl.com.au

Ongoing scholarship payments will not be processed until confirmation of academic results and enrolment status has been received.

If a recipient's academic performance has been unsatisfactory within a semester, GPC will undertake a review in regards to the continuation of the scholarship.

Please note: Scholarship recipients will be assessed for eligibility each semester. If a recipient does not meet the eligibility criteria at the time of assessment their scholarship may be suspended or terminated.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Scholarship recipients will receive a payment of \$3,500 on the successful completion of each semester, for a total of \$7000 annually, for up to three (3) years.

In addition to this scholarship recipients whose area of study aligns with GPC's areas of business, (e.g. Engineering, Environmental Science, Business, Finance, Human Resources, Community Relations) may also apply to be considered for six (6) weeks paid vacation placement each year, during the life of their scholarship.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please tick each box to ensure inclusion of all items.

1. Ensure you have read and understood each section of this application kit.
2. Ensure you specify the discipline you are currently studying or applying to study.
3. Ensure you have answered all questions and that the information you have provided in the application is complete and accurate.
4. Submit your completed application form, including:
 - A current resume
 - Contact information for two (2) referees
 - Evidence that you are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or Australian South Sea Islander heritage. This may include: an ABSTUDY statement or written confirmation by a recognised representative of our local Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander community of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or Australian South Sea Islander status (usually through our local Land Council, Aboriginal Health Service but other evidence will be considered).
 - Copies of academic results and/or transcripts for the past two (2) years.

KEY INFORMATION

Applications close 5.00pm on Friday, 22 March 2019. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship applications and enquiries to:

GPC Indigenous Affairs Advisor

Indigenous Affairs Team

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Gladstone Q 4680

Phone: 07 4976 1450

Email: indigenouaffairs@gpcl.com.au

Please note: Applicants will receive automatic confirmation of your application if applying online.

Thank you for your application.