

# 2008 Higher Education Scholarships for School Leavers - Guidelines

The Northern Territory Government will provide 40 Higher Education scholarships to assist young Territory school leavers to attain their first degree.

Scholarships are valued at \$3500 per year. In the first year of study, an additional \$1500 will be paid to the top ten successful applicants by Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER).

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia, residing in the Northern Territory.

Scholarships are awarded for full-time study in the Northern Territory. Scholarships are only awarded for study interstate where the core program is not offered at Charles Darwin University. Applicants applying to study interstate are required to provide a statement of their reasons.

Students from regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory, students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and those who have a disability or impairment are encouraged to apply.

Applicants are ranked in order of their Year 12 Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) or International Baccalaureate (IBL) score or equivalent (based on South Australian IBL equivalent scale). Scholarships are then awarded to the first 40 eligible students strictly in rank order and having regard to the special categories outlined above.

The duration of the scholarship is for the minimum period required to complete the approved course of study. Scholarships vary from three to a maximum of five years but do not cover additional honours or masters studies. Applicants planning to study combined degrees will only be awarded a scholarship for a maximum of five years except for medicine, in which case the maximum is six years.

The scholarship will not be awarded if the holder is receiving any other scholarship or bursary; is undertaking a traineeship; or is employed by a Northern Territory Government agency or statutory authority. Scholarship holders must not engage in full-time employment other than vacation employment while receiving the scholarship.

No guarantee of employment with the Department of Employment, Education and Training on completion of the course is given or implied.

The scholarship is required to be taken over a continuous period. In exceptional circumstances (eg where there is a serious medical condition), the scholarship may be deferred for up to one academic year. The scholarship holder must apply for a deferral in writing, giving full reasons and provide satisfactory evidence in support of the application including approval from the university.

The scholarship holder is required to make satisfactory progress in the course for which the scholarship is granted and is expected to complete the minimum number of units in each semester in order to continue to be eligible for payment.

Successful applicants will be required to agree to the Conditions of Higher Education Scholarship 2008 and sign an acceptance of the conditions.

The guidelines and conditions of scholarships may vary from time to time, however conditions for existing scholarship holders will remain as they were at the time the scholarship was awarded.

Late applications will not be accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- The official application form must be used.
- Do not place applications in folders/plastic sleeves or staple the pages of supporting information (paper clips are okay).
- Do not provide originals of supporting information as applications cannot be returned.

**Privacy**

The information you provide in your application is treated as confidential information and is made available only to members of the Selection Panel. Once the selection process has been completed all copies of applications are destroyed. The original applications are retained in a confidential file. The information provided in the application is used for no other purpose than for the selection process for Higher Education Scholarships.