TAFE Western is committed to creating education and training opportunities and offers a number of scholarships to assist people who may be experiencing barriers to their learning.

TAFE Western Student Scholarships are offered on a semester basis for continuing full time and part time students. The scholarships are available to assist with fees and related study expenses.

Scholarships now available. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as practicable.

**TAFE Western Student Scholarships**

Scholarships of up to $2000 for students who have previously studied at TAFE Western and are enrolled for a course at Certificate III level or above.

**TAFE Western Aboriginal Student Scholarships**

Two scholarships of up to $2,000, for Aboriginal students who have previously studied at TAFE Western and are enrolled for a course at Certificate III level or above.

**TAFE Western TVET Student Scholarship**

A scholarship of up to $2,000 is offered for a student who has progressed from a TVET course at school, to a Certificate III level (or above) course at TAFE Western.

**TAFE Western Aboriginal Teaching Scholarships**

Scholarships are available for Aboriginal people who would like to become a teacher at TAFE Western. Each scholarship provides free tuition to complete Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Please contact the TAFE Western Scholarship Coordinator on (02) 63935949 for more information or download a brochure and application form from the TAFE Western website www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/scholarships
SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OTHER SOURCES
The following scholarships are offered to eligible students studying at TAFE Western. The application processes and selection criteria for each of these differ from that listed on page one.

BBM Youth Scholarships and BBM Aboriginal Youth Scholarship
These scholarships for varying amounts (usually between $100 and $1,000) are available at any time for TAFE Western students aged 15 to 23 years who are facing financial barriers to completing their study.

A separate information sheet and application form is available for BBM Scholarships. Please contact the TAFE Western Scholarship Coordinator on (02) 63935949 for more information or download a brochure and application form from the TAFE Western website www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/scholarships

Mick Young Scholarships
Scholarships to commemorate the late Mick Young are available from the Mick Young Scholarships Trust to assist TAFE Western students who live in Condobolin, Forbes or Parkes.

The scholarship amounts vary according the financial need of successful applicants. For more information contact the relevant TAFE Western College:
Condobolin (02) 6891 9000
Forbes (02) 6853 9100
Parkes (02) 6862 8100

SELECTION CRITERIA
To apply for a scholarship at Western Institute, ensure you fulfil the selection criteria for the relevant scholarship and also the entry requirement for the course you may wish to complete.

You should refer to Western Institute’s website for current information on courses and their entry requirements. See www.wit.tafensw.edu.au

It is important to remember that for those scholarships that require a TAFE NSW application form, the Western Institute scholarship offer is conditional upon you receiving an offer for a course covered by the scholarship.

The following criteria apply to all scholarships:

- Applicants must be commencing study in 2012 either full-time or part-time.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents.
- Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship but will be eligible to hold only one scholarship at a time.
- TAFE Western Student Scholarships are for continuing students, i.e. students who have studied previously with TAFE Western.
- TAFE Western Student Scholarships are for students enrolling in courses at a Certificate III or above level.
- Applicants must demonstrate they are experiencing either financial, social or geographic barriers to learning.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information about scholarships available for TAFE Western students please look at the TAFE Western website, www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/scholarships or contact the TAFE Western Scholarship Coordinator on (02) 6393 5949.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

Who can apply for scholarships?
All scholarships have particular eligibility criteria, so it is a good idea to read these criteria carefully before applying. Providing you fulfill the eligibility criteria for a particular scholarship, you are welcome to apply.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I am an international student?
No, the scholarships currently available are open to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents only.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?
If you meet the eligibility criteria, you can apply for as many different scholarships as you like. However, you can only receive one scholarship from Western Institute at any one time.

How are scholarship recipients selected?
The scholarship panel will assess the information provided in your application form and will shortlist the appropriate candidate. These candidates may then be invited to attend an interview.

How can I maximise my chances of getting a scholarship?
Read the terms and conditions of the scholarship/s you are interested in very carefully.

Complete all relevant sections and submit all correct supporting documentation as detailed in the application form. It is necessary to provide the documents requested to verify that you are eligible and to assist in ranking your application relative to other applications. Information which cannot be immediately verified may not be assessed.

All information supplied in your application is treated confidentially. Do not attach original documents to your application as these will not be returned to you.

All photocopied documents must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations.

Without the required supporting documentation your application cannot be assessed.

When will I be notified of the outcome of my application?
You will receive notification of the outcome of your application as soon as practicable for 2012.

What happens if I am awarded a scholarship?
You will receive a notification that you have been awarded the scholarship and a scholarship recipient agreement that outlines the terms and conditions of accepting the scholarship. You will need to sign and submit this agreement and provide your bank account details for periodic transfers of the scholarship amount.

You will also be invited to events which relate to the scholarship program. Your name, profile and photograph may be used in promotional materials for TAFE Western.

What is the value of each scholarship?
Each scholarship is valued at $2000 and will be transferred to your nominated bank account in instalments as agreed.

What is deemed to be an appropriate academic record for scholarship purposes?
An appropriate academic record is deemed as achieving successful completion of a course.

Can I defer a scholarship offer?
No. Deferring the scholarship offer will make the scholarship void. If you do want to defer, you are more than welcome to make another scholarship application.

When and how do I receive payment for my scholarship?
You will be notified of the outcome of your application/s by mail. When you receive the letter acknowledging your success, you will also receive a scholarship recipient agreement.

Your bank account details need to be provided along with the signed scholarship recipient agreement. Your scholarship money will be transferred periodically to your nominated bank account.

Do I need to pay tax?
All scholarship payments made to students studying on a full-time basis are tax exempt. If you are studying part time, you may be liable to pay tax on your scholarship. However Western Institute encourages each scholarship recipient to seek their own advice.

For further information visit the Australian Tax Office website, www.ato.gov.au

How can I spend the scholarship money?
Within your application form, you will have to provide a statement detailing how you will spend the scholarship amount. The amount will cover course fees and other course related expenses.

What will happen if I change my enrolment details during the scholarship period?
You must contact the Scholarships Coordinator as soon as possible on (02) 6393 5949.

Will receiving a scholarship affect my Centrelink benefits, taxable income for the year?
Students will need to contact the relevant government department in regard to their own personal circumstances. In some cases, students who receive a certain kind of Commonwealth benefit or allowance may be eligible for a concession at Western Institute. As such you won’t need a scholarship as you may not be required to pay the entire course fees. For more information on fees, exemptions and concessions, please check the TAFE Western website www.wit.tafensw.edu.au
2012 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

Selection Criteria
Applicants must meet the course and scholarship selection criteria plus complete the scholarship application by including:

- Evidence of previous study with TAFE Western
- Personal statement addressing why the applicant believes they should be the recipient of a Scholarship including how the Scholarship would address their barriers to learning
- Contact details of nominated referees
- Details of intended course at Certificate III or above

Scholarships are only available for Australian citizens or people with permanent resident status in Australia.

Checklist
Carefully read all information before beginning your application. Complete all parts of this form and mail this completed form and any attachments to the Scholarship Coordinator. Please keep a copy for your reference.

Attach supporting documents wherever you see the symbol and label them with your name. Do not send any original documents with your application. If any documents are in a language other than English, you must provide English translations of these documents.

- Provide statements supporting Part A and Part B
- Provide certified copies of evidence of previous and current education and training for Part A
- Provide contact details for 2 referees (see Part C) – must include one TAFE teacher or counsellor
- Sign and date the form yourself (see Part C)

Note:
- Applicants will be shortlisted based on the information provided
- Those shortlisted may be invited to attend an interview.

Privacy
The personal information you supply on this form will be used to assess your eligibility for scholarships. It may also be used to keep you updated about course information and admissions.

Successful applicants may be named in TAFE NSW Western Institute publications and promotional material.

Send your completed application to:
The Scholarships Coordinator
TAFE Western, Learning and Engagement Unit
PO Box 2161 (B Block Forest Road)
Orange NSW 2800

For office use only:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please use block letters, black pen and print clearly

Part A - Personal Details

Family name: ____________________________ First name/other names: ____________________________

Date of birth (date/month/year): ____________________________  Sex: ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Postal Address: ____________________________________________

Suburb: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Postcode: ____________________________

Phone (home): ____________________________ Phone (work): ____________________________ Phone (mobile): ____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Citizenship/residency status (please attach certified copy of proof of citizenship/residency):

☐ Australian Citizen

☐ Australian permanent residency visa – Visa type and number: ____________________________

Personal Circumstances: Please describe any personal circumstances that may make enrolling in the course of your choice difficult. E.g. Financial, geographic or social barriers to learning.

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Please provide details of previous study at TAFE Western.
Part B - Course and Scholarship Details

Name of scholarship you are applying for: ☐ General student scholarship
☐ Previous TVET student continuing studies at TAFE Western
☐ Aboriginal student scholarship

Name of course you are enrolled in or applying to: ____________________________________________________________

☐ Full time ☐ Part Time Preferred College to study at: __________________________________________________________

Do you meet the entry requirements of the course? ☐ Yes

Please ensure that you have completed your TAFE NSW application, if it is required, for your course.

Provide details on how you would spend the scholarship amount.

Material Cost: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Enrolment Fee: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Netbook: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Thumb Drive: __________________________________________________________________________________________

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If applying for an Aboriginal Scholarship please provide a written confirmation of Aboriginality.

Part C - Referees and Signature

Please nominate two referees and provide contact details.

Referee 1
Name: ____________________________ Relationship to applicant: ____________________________

Daytime contact phone number: ____________________________ Email address: ____________________________

Referee 2
Name: ____________________________ Relationship to applicant: ____________________________

Daytime contact phone number: ____________________________ Email address: ____________________________

Please sign and date this application below:

Name: ____________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________