

# The Queensland Academies Scholarship Guidelines

*(Including guidelines for General Academic Scholarships and Scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Students)*

## Background

Following a thorough review of the selection process for entry to the Queensland Academies 2013 and beyond, the ACER score has been made less significant in the overall selection process and this has been reflected in the Enrolment Eligibility Plan. Ranking for entry into the Academies now considers an overall score based on the ACER test result, school report card results and interview responses which are aligned across all three campuses. The awarding of scholarships should reflect this ranking.

The Queensland Academies operate in a very competitive education market and scholarships are used frequently by schools within the independent sector to retain the very best students particularly if an offer has been made to attend a Queensland Academy. A scholarship scheme is necessary to offset offers which occur from other schools.

As the scholarships are awarded for the three years of enrolment it is important that students maintain a performance consistent with those characteristics recognised through the awarding of a scholarship. Ongoing performance of a recipient and the subsequent continuation of the scholarship should be reviewed at least annually. These conditions should be captured in the scholarship guidelines.

The moderation of the awarding of scholarships across the three Academies would occur at the Enrolment Eligibility Committee meeting for each entry round of the Academies.

## Key Points (General Academic Scholarships)

- The scholarship only applies to the annual program fee and annual text hire and resource scheme.
- A maximum of 5 general academic scholarships per cohort per year may be awarded by an Academy to students who meet the minimum criteria.
- The scholarship will apply for the three years of enrolment subject to an, at least, annual review of the recipient's academic performance, work ethic and conduct.

### Eligibility and Criteria (for both General Academic Scholarships and Scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Students)

- Selection will be based on the overall Queensland Academies entry score.
  - ie: ACER test result  
Report card result  
Interview result  
(Portfolio/audition score for QACI)
- Students will be rank ordered according to this score in any given selection round.
- Student will have to have achieved a minimum benchmark as determined by the Enrolment Eligibility Committee to be eligible for a scholarship.
- The Enrolment Eligibility Committee will moderate and endorse the awarding of scholarship across the three Academies.

### Announcement of General Academic Scholarships

Up to three (3) general academic scholarships per Academy per cohort may be offered during the application rounds at the time an offer of enrolment is made to a student for the Academy.

After completion of all rounds of offer the remaining two (2) general academic scholarships may be awarded once a final and overall rank order has been finalised. Scholarships may be awarded to Year 10 students after they have commenced their studies at an Academy.

### Scholarship Continuity and Review

- The Principal will conduct a review of each scholarship recipient's performance at the end of each semester.
- The review will consider to the satisfaction of the Principal that the student has met a commitment to:
  - Achieving a minimum grade of C (4) or better in each subject for each semester reporting period.
  - Meeting all formal assessment requirements.
  - Maintaining a grade point average of 4 with no less than a C in any given subject (this is based upon a 5 point grading scale with 5 as the highest)
  - Achieving all A's or B's for both industry and behaviour at each reporting period.
  - Modelling the Queensland Academies Code of Conduct and Enrolment Agreement to the highest level.
- If a scholarship is to be withdrawn this will only occur at the end of the given school year.
- The scholarship recipient and their parent / guardian will formally accept the offer of a scholarship and in so doing acknowledge the commitment required for continuation of the scholarship.
- This will be re-issued annually.

### The Queensland Academies Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students Scholarships Program

The Queensland Academies Students Scholarships, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander* Program aims to improve access to the Queensland Academies for highly capable students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

The scholarship only applies to the annual program fee and annual text hire and resource scheme.

A maximum of 2 scholarships per cohort per year may be awarded by an Academy to the top ranking *Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander* students who meet all of the eligibility criteria for entry into an Academy.

The scholarship will apply for the three years of enrolment subject to an, at least, annual review of the recipient's academic performance, work ethic and conduct.

#### Announcement of Scholarships

Up to two (2) scholarships, through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program, per Academy per cohort (over and above the number of general academic scholarships) may be offered during the application rounds at the time an offer of enrolment is made to a student for the Academy, or after completion of all rounds once a final and overall rank order has been finalised. Scholarships may be awarded to Year 10 students after they have commenced their studies at an Academy.