MADALAH

# Secondary Scholarship Program 2026

# About the MADALAH **Scholarships Program**

MADALAH Limited is a First Nations led not-for-profit organisation that offers secondary and tertiary education scholarships for First Nations students in Western Australia.

We believe education is the key to generational change and opportunity, and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students, their families and communities.

If you were to be successful in receiving a secondary scholarship, the scholarship funds are to be utilised in the first instance for:

- School Fees/Tuition

If after school fees/tuition have been covered and there is a surplus of scholarship funding, the surplus can be utilised for the following and must also align with any school policies:

- Boarding and Accommodation
- Uniforms, Textbooks, Stationery & IT Equipment
- School Leadership, Cultural or Sporting Camps/Tours
- Tutoring, Mentoring or Counselling
- Personal Expenses (e.g. health & hygiene)

*Please note that not all of the above will be covered by the scholarship. Contact your chosen partner school/s to find out what the gap might look like for your family.*

The MADALAH scholarship funds are paid directly to the school in two instalments, half at the start of semester 1 and the other half at the start of semester 2.

If your child is eligible for ABSTUDY, this is also paid directly to the school and will be utilised first.

MADALAH will liaise with your school/s of choice and the school/s will complete their order of preference following their own selection criteria. MADALAH will then allocate scholarships in line with contractual obligations and the school/s selection criteria.

*Should you not be successful with attaining a scholarship you should seek feedback from the school directly.*

## Who can apply & **Eligibility Criteria**

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide proof of descent.
- Be eligible for ABSTUDY and/or demonstrate some form of disadvantage, e.g; financial, geographic etc and provide proof.
- Apply to one or more of our partner schools and provide proof of offer or enrolment where you have it.

*(This proof will be required before a scholarship can be awarded but does not have to be supplied at the time of applying. If you are applying to multiple partner schools, please note on the application your order of preference).*

- Provide most recent academic results.
- Provide one letter from a referee.
- Applicants must have a good school attendance and behaviour record.
- Applicants must have a home location in Western Australia.

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## Apply Now
## Closing: Friday 27th June 2025

**Proof of descent can be one of the following documents:**

- Letter from an Indigenous Corporation or Land Council
- Parent's or Grandparent's proof of descent and child's birth certificate.

*(If submitting proof of descent for a grandparent we will also require the parent's birth certificate).*

**Proof of ABSTUDY Entitlements or Proof of Disadvantage**

If you are not already in receipt of ABSTUDY please apply as soon as possible as this process can take several weeks. We are aware in some cases you are not able to apply to ABSTUDY until approximately 13 weeks prior to the commencement of term one.

For more information about ABSTUDY you can either visit your local Centrelink branch, visit the below site www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy, or call 1800 132 317.

You will also be asked if you consider yourself to be disadvantaged and to determine whether this is due to financial, geographic or other reasoning; supporting documentation will be required.

For example, a recent tax return if you consider yourself to be disadvantage due to financial strain or proof of address if you consider yourself to be disadvantaged due to location.

If you are applying because you consider yourself disadvantaged in any other way, please provide further details at the time of applying.

# HOW TO APPLY & **APPLICATION PROCESS**

## HAVE YOU ENROLLED INTO A MADALAH PARTNER SCHOOL?

### NO

**Contact a MADALAH Partner School** *(listed on the MADALAH website)* and go through the enrolment process for your child.

Speak to the Enrolments Officer or the Indigenous Liaison Officer who can provide more information about the school and offer support with enrolment.

**Please note:** you will not be eligible for a scholarship if you have not applied to at least one of our listed partner schools. Our selection process is school-led and securing a place at one of our partner schools is a requirement.

### YES

**Go to www.madalah.com.au/who-can-and-how-to-apply**

Click the 'apply now' button to begin. For all new users, click 'register as a new user' or if you are an existing user, you will be asked to log into your account.

**Please note:** you will be able to start an application and have the ability to come back and complete it at a later date.

Once all necessary fields have been completed and all required documents listed in the eligibility criteria are uploaded, a submission button will appear at the end of the application. You will then receive an auto reply confirmation email and a staff member will also be in touch.

Scan the QR code to apply now!

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## If you require any assistance with applying, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our preferred method of applying is online, however our friendly Scholarships Team can assist you with the application process if you do not have access to a computer.


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