Quick Guide for Applicants

2023 Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship

This is a quick guide to help you prepare and submit your application for a scholarship. Applications close at 5pm on 15 September 2023.

The Young Aboriginal Leaders Scholarship has been developed to help young Aboriginal people living in Tasmania. This scholarship provides funds to help successful applicants follow their cultural, career or leadership goals.

# Check you are eligible

To be eligible to apply, you must be:

* between 15 – 29 years of age
* a current resident of Tasmania, and
* meet the Tasmanian State Government requirements of [Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/aboriginal-partnerships/eligibility-for-government-services).

1. Check what the funds can be used for

You can apply for **up to $5,000** for a leadership or career opportunity. There is no minimum amount for your application.

Below are examples of costs the scholarship funds **can** and **can’t** be used for:

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| **Funds can be used for** | **Funds can’t be used for** |
| Training courses or workshops | Normal cost of living (eg. rent, fuel, groceries) |
| Transport to the training or workshop if required (eg. flights, buses, taxis)  (Note - Fuel costs are not eligible) | Extra-curricular activities  (eg. concert tickets, sporting tickets) |
| Accommodation where the course or workshop is more than 52km from your home address | Reimbursement of costs already paid  (eg. flights purchased prior to the scholarship being awarded) |

**Need help?**

If you have questions about what you can use the scholarship funds for, please contact Aboriginal Partnerships on [OAA@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:OAA@dpac.tas.gov.au)

1. Write your application

Write a response to the following points 1- 3 in a Word document.

Note that each point has a weighting (%) towards to your total score.

There is also a guide to the number of words to write for each point. (Maximum 1,500 words total)

1. Outline the activity or leadership opportunity this scholarship will assist you with.   
   (450 words) **(30%)**
2. Tell us about your involvement in your community, including past and current community events you have taken part in. (300 words) **(20%)**
3. Describe how you will use your new skills to benefit you and/or your community in the future.   
   (750 words) **(50%)**

**Need help?**

If you have questions about your application, please email Aboriginal Partnerships on [OAA@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:OAA@dpac.tas.gov.au%20)

# Submit your application online

The last step is to complete the online application form through a system called ‘Smartygrants’.

You can copy and paste your answers to points 1-3, from your Word document into Smartygrants.

The Submit Application link is on the [Department of Premier and Cabinet website](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/aboriginal-partnerships/scholarships/young-aboriginal-leaders-scholarship), or you can use this link here:

[Submit Application](https://communitiestas.smartygrants.com.au/YALS)

When you submit your application, you will get an email with your application in ‘PDF’ format from Smartygrants.

If you do not get an email of your application, please contact us on 1800 204 224 straight away.

**Need help?**

If you are having trouble with the application form, please call us on 1800 204 224 or email [grants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:grants@dpac.tas.gov.au)

# What happens next?

After applications close, a panel will review all applications.

The successful applicants will be contacted by phone by 31 October 2023.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful this year will receive a letter by 31 October 2023. The letter will include contact details if they wish to seek feedback on their application.