

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarship

Application

CPA Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships

CPA Australia offers up to five scholarships annually for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The scholarship will assist recipients to meet the educational requirements needed to attain CPA status. Scholarship recipients will receive complimentary enrolment for CPA Program subjects not yet undertaken, and one waived CPA Australia Associate (ASA) membership fee for three (3) years of membership.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- be aged 18 years or over;
- be assessed or have been assessed as eligible to join CPA Australia at [Associate level](#). To be eligible to join as Associate member, you must have completed a [CPA Australia-Accredited Course](#)* or be assessed as meeting all of the [Foundation competency requirements](#); and
- be residing in Australia and an Australian resident for tax purposes for the duration of the scholarship.

To complete the CPA Program, applicants must hold as a minimum, an Australian bachelor's degree that is accredited by CPA Australia, or an overseas bachelor's degree that CPA Australia has assessed as being comparable to an Australian bachelor's degree. Applicants may need to complete additional accredited units to meet Associate membership requirements. Applicants can apply to join CPA Australia before their tertiary results are finalised.

*Find out more about recognised degrees at cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/about-the-cpa-program/your-degree

Selection process

The scholarship will be awarded by CPA Australia solely based on merit, against the selection criteria set out in the [CPA Australia 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship' Terms and Conditions](#). CPA Australia's decision will be final and only the successful applicant(s) will be contacted. A maximum of five scholarship recipients will be selected annually, however, CPA Australia is not obliged to award the scholarship.

Termination

A scholarship may be terminated, and the recipient will receive no further payments from the date of termination, if any of the following occur:

- a recipient was found to have breached any of the Terms and Conditions, or engaged in any unlawful or other improper conduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the scholarship;
- a recipient provides false or misleading information in their application or during the scholarship term;
- a recipient ceases their membership with CPA Australia for any reason;
- a recipient fails any CPA Program examination three times (whether it is for the same subject or different subjects);
- a recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of their scholarship;
- a recipient has breached the CPA Australia Constitution and/or By-Laws;
- a recipient is found guilty of a criminal offence.

Application Procedure

Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application package will be considered. Applicants must submit:

- a completed application form
- evidence of recognition as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander i.e., Confirmation of Identity – Verification for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people form, or a statutory declaration stating their identity as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- a curriculum vitae (CV)
- evidence of their Australian residency i.e., a utility bill or bank statement[^] displaying their residential address;
- a copy of their academic transcript showing subjects passed and grades awarded, the years in which they passed, and the year the degree was awarded (or, if not yet awarded, a copy of their most recent academic transcript).
- a written reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organization; and
- a one-page statement detailing their planned professional career and the reasons for wanting to be a CPA Australia member.

[^]Where providing a bank statement, only the name and residential address of the applicant is required. All other information should be redacted.

Terms and Conditions

Applicants, on completing their application form, will be asked to read and accept the CPA Australia 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship' [Terms and Conditions](#), outlining the terms and conditions applicable to the scholarship.

Privacy

Any personal information collected by, or on behalf of, CPA Australia in connection with scholarship applications will be handled in accordance with the CPA Australia 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship' Terms and Conditions and the [CPA Australia Privacy Policy](#).

Submission

Applications must be emailed to memberservice@cpaaustralia.com.au.

Subject line of email: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Application

The Scholarship application period is open yearly from 1 January to 31 December, or until the Scholarship Quota is exhausted. Please refer to the CPA Australia website to confirm scholarship availability.

Further information

All enquiries should be emailed to memberservice@cpaaustralia.com.au.

What happens next?

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email within 21 days of receipt of their application by CPA Australia.

Application form

All fields are mandatory to complete.

Your personal details

Given name _____

Family name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Preferred telephone number _____

Email address _____

Details from member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organization providing the written reference*

Referee's name _____

Email address _____

* It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure third parties have granted prior consent to their name and contact information being provided to CPA Australia.

Application checklist

Selection documentation

Have you provided a brief curriculum vitae?

Yes No

Have you provided evidence you have been recognised as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes No

Have you provided copy of your official academic transcript showing subjects passed and grades awarded?

Yes No

Have you provided a written reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organization?

Yes No

Have you provided a statement detailing your planned professional career and reasons why you want to be a CPA Australia member?

Yes No

Have you provided evidence of your Australian residency? Only the name and residential address of the applicant is required. All other information should be redacted.

Yes No

Privacy statement

CPA Australia recognises the importance of protecting your personal information and is committed to processing it responsibly and in compliance with applicable data protection laws. Any personal information collected by, or on behalf of CPA Australia in connection with your scholarship application, is required to process your application, assess your eligibility and, where applicable, contact and award you a scholarship, and will be handled in accordance with the CPA Australia 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship' [Terms and Conditions](#) and the [CPA Australia Privacy Policy](#).

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that:

- the information I have provided is true and correct
- CPA Australia may make reasonable inquiries to validate the information provided in this application
- the provision of false or misleading information may result in my application being null and void or scholarship being forfeited
- my personal information will be handled in accordance with the [CPA Australia Privacy Policy](#) and as outlined above.

Consent

I consent to:

- direct marketing on CPA Australia membership, services, and products

If I am selected as a recipient of the scholarship, I consent to use of my:

- name as the scholarship winner being published on CPA Australia social media channels and/or member communication channels
- name, university or higher education facility, country, personal image and/or application submitted, on CPA Australia (and owned brands) social media accounts like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Weibo, WeChat, Tencent, Youku, WhatsApp and potentially other social media channels like LinkedIn closed groups (Advertising)
- image howsoever recorded, in the Advertising in any medium in the world (including without limitation, in print or a broadcast, or by transmission or communication to the public, electronically, digitally or by other medium not now existing).

I confirm that I have read and accept:

- CPA Australia's 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship' [Terms and Conditions](#)
- CPA Australia's Privacy Policy available at cpaaustralia.com.au/privacy-policy-and-statement.

Signature

Date