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AIEF-BHP

Tertiary Scholarships
About the scholarships
AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Indigenous students undertaking engineering, science and other approved degrees, who aspire to work with BHP and to one day become leaders in the business.

Residential students (residing in a tertiary residential college) and non-residential students (residing in private accommodation) can apply for the scholarship, which provides financial assistance and ongoing professional development and career support from AIEF and BHP, including opportunities to apply for the BHP Internship and BHP Graduate Program. See the FAQ on page 4 for more information.

What do the scholarships cover?
• The cost of accommodation up to a maximum of A$22,000 each year. Support is available for students living in residential and non-residential accommodation. Please contact AIEF for more information about support for residential and non-residential accommodation costs.
• A living allowance of A$6,000 each year.
• An annual stipend of A$2,000 each year for textbooks and other materials, or other education-related expenses.

How do I apply?

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel, with an emphasis on:
• Academic ability, achievement and potential.
• Interest in and commitment to working in the mining industry.
• Interest in and commitment to working with BHP on completion of your degree.

You may be asked to attend an interview as part of the application process. Interviews will be conducted either by telephone or in person at an AIEF office.
Am I eligible?
To be eligible for an AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship you must:

• Be an Australian resident.
• Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and able to provide supporting evidence of this.
• Be enrolled full time to study an eligible degree at an Australian university or applying to enrol full time at an Australian university, having selected an approved degree as a first preference.
• Demonstrate strong academic achievement and potential.
• Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, cadetship or similar support, unless agreed with AIEF and BHP. Students in receipt of Commonwealth Scholarship Programme (CSP) scholarships are eligible for the AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship.
• Agree not to accept any other cadetship, internship, work experience or similar opportunities unless agreed with AIEF and BHP.
• Be enthusiastic about a career in the mining industry, and more specifically with BHP.
• Be willing to apply for and participate in BHP Internships and the BHP Graduate Program, which take place at BHP offices and assets Australia wide.
• Commit to participate in the AIEF Pathways Program and to not participate in similar programs or activities offered by other organisations.

Students part way through their degree are encouraged to apply.

Approved degrees
Students undertaking the following degrees may be eligible for an AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship:

1. Engineering – Chemical
2. Engineering – Civil
3. Engineering – Control Systems
4. Engineering – Electrical
5. Engineering – Environmental
6. Engineering – Geotechnical
7. Engineering – Mechanical
8. Engineering – Mechatronic
9. Engineering – Metallurgy
10. Engineering – Minerals Processing
11. Engineering – Mining (Open Cut) (Minerals Processing or Metallurgy)
12. Engineering – Mining
13. Engineering – Mining (Underground)
14. Engineering – Electronics
15. Engineering – Communications
16. Science – Earth (Geology) (Geology/Geoscience, Earth Sciences, Science/Applied Science with major in Geology/Geoscience)
17. Science – Environmental (Environmental Science/Health, Environmental Management, Science with major in Ecology or Environmental Studies)
18. Science – Hydrology (Geology, Hydrogeology, Environmental Science, Civil Engineering)
19. Science – Spatial (Surveying)
20. Science – Physics
21. Science – Mathematics
22. Science – Computer Science
23. Other related degrees as approved by AIEF.

Students undertaking postgraduate degrees are encouraged to apply.
FAQ

What is the difference between a scholarship and a cadetship?

A scholarship is a financial grant provided by government, industry or an organisation, which may include relevant work experience with the sponsor organisation. If a scholarship is principally provided for education purposes, with no contractual obligations for scholars to become an employee or to provide labour or services in return for scholarship payments, these payments are not taxable.

A cadetship is a full or part time role offered to students or graduates to provide specific training or mentoring. Cadets are required to provide labour as a condition of the cadetship and all cadetship payments are taxable, which can affect ABSTUDY payments (including eligibility for ABSTUDY).

The AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship is not taxable and will not affect ABSTUDY payments or eligibility.

Do I need to be enrolled full time at university to apply?

Students who are applying to enrol full time at an Australian university can also apply for the scholarship, providing they select an approved degree as a first preference. You must be enrolled to study an eligible degree full time to receive the scholarship.

I'm already part way through my degree. Can I apply?

Yes. Current students who have partially completed an approved degree and who are enrolled full time are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Do I need to be living in a tertiary residential college to apply?

No. The AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship offers flexible residential and non-residential options.

I'm taking part in the Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success Program. Can I apply?

Yes. Students in the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation’s Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success Program are encouraged to apply for the scholarship, and preference is given to applicants from the program.

What does the scholarship include?

Students receive up to A$22,000 to cover the cost of residential or non-residential accommodation, a living allowance of A$6,000 and a stipend of A$2,000 for text books and other education related expenses each year.

The accommodation allowance also covers the cost of compulsory fees, meals and other expenses at tertiary residential colleges, within the maximum A$22,000 each year, paid directly to the college. Please contact AIEF for more information about support for residential and non-residential accommodation costs.
What is the BHP Internship?
With 12 weeks of paid work experience the BHP Internship will see you start to apply what you have learnt through your studies in a practical way.
You will be encouraged to:

• Learn, ask questions, put your ideas forward and participate in solving business problems.
• Uncover your capability through stretch targets and feedback from your supervisor.

The majority of our engineering and science roles are based at our mine sites and operations where you will be provided accommodation and transport (if required). Our business roles such as Information Technology, Finance, HR and Supply will mostly be based in one of our corporate offices in a capital city.

What is the BHP Graduate Program?
The BHP Graduate Program offers graduates hands on experience and networking opportunities across many facets of the business.

Joining our global BHP Graduate Program you can expect to:

• Develop technical skills and build core capabilities through online, face-to-face and on the job learning.
• Get exposure to a diverse range of leaders through leader-led training and coaching.
• Work with industry experts on solving technical and day-to-day problems.
• Solve real business challenges and projects with other graduates from different areas and disciplines.
• Receive stretch targets and feedback to assist your ongoing development.

What is AIEF?
The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students in financial need to attend leading Australian schools and universities.

AIEF also provides mentoring and career support through the AIEF Pathways Program to ensure all AIEF Scholarship Students make a successful transition from school and/or university into a productive and fulfilling career. Tertiary students in the program access networking opportunities and receive one-on-one support tailored to their individual needs.

AIEF offers the AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship in partnership with BHP, and AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholars are encouraged to apply for BHP’s Internships and Graduate Program.
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Application

Full name

Date of birth  Gender

Home phone  Mobile

Email

Residential address

State  Postcode

Postal address  ○ Same as above

State  Postcode

Are you  ○ Aboriginal  ○ Torres Strait Islander  ○ Both

What is your home community?

Do you identify with any other home communities? Please list
Do you identify as being part of any traditional owner groups?

- Banjima
- Barada Barna
- Barngarla
- Ghungoulu/Kangoulu
- Guburn
- Jangga
- Kariyarra
- Kaurna
- Kokatha
- Kuyani
- Martu
- Noongar
- Nyiyaparli
- Thalanyji
- Tjiwarl
- Turrbal
- Wiri/Widi
- Wonnarua
- Yuibera
- Other (please specify):

Are any members of your immediate family currently employed by, or previous employees of BHP?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details including full name and Mine/Operation:
Your education

If you run out of space, please complete your answers on additional pages and attach them to this form.

Secondary school

Highest year level completed (e.g. Year 12)  
Year of graduation (if applicable)

Are you studying, or have you previously studied at a tertiary institution?  
Yes  No

Tertiary institution

Course studied

Term of study (years)

Have you completed this course?  
Yes  No  Currently studying

If no, why?

Academic results

Please indicate the State/Territory and secondary school certificate you have achieved/anticipate you will achieve:

- ACT Year 12 Certificate
- NT NTCE
- SA SACE
- VIC VCE
- IB State
- NSW HSC
- QLD QCE
- TAS TCE
- WA WACE

Please attach copies of your academic results for the past two years. Include secondary and tertiary results, if applicable. Transcripts should specify the name of the educational institution, the term, semester or year assessed, the names of subjects/courses studied and the overall mark for each subject/course.

Successful applicants may be required to provide original or certified copies of this documentation before a scholarship can be awarded.
University and degree information

Have you applied for this scholarship before?  ○ Yes  ○ No

Are you  ○ Enrolled OR  ○ Applying for enrolment
          Commenced in (year)  Commencing in (year)

If you are applying, how do you intend to gain entry?  ○ Direct Entry  ○ Enabling/Bridging/Preparation Program  ○ Other

University

Degree

Year of degree in Semester 1, 2018 (e.g. first, second, third year)

Anticipated date of graduation (e.g. Semester 2, 2020)

Are you currently residing in or intending to reside in a tertiary residential college?  ○ Yes  ○ No

Name of college

Telephone
Other scholarships

Are you, or will you be the first person in your immediate family to attend university?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you currently in receipt of a scholarship, bursary and/or cash prize?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, what is the value?  $ ...................

If yes, please provide relevant details including any employment, media, engagement or financial obligations of the scholarship, bursary and/or cash prize:

Have you been awarded a scholarship, bursary and/or cash prize in the past?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please provide relevant details, including any employment, media, engagement or financial obligations of the scholarship, bursary and/or cash prize:

Have you applied for any other BHP tertiary scholarships including Indigenous tertiary scholarships at Curtin University or The University of Western Australia?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please provide relevant details, including the name of the university and the scholarship:
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Have you, or are you currently engaged in the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation’s *Follow the Dream* Program?  
- Yes
- No

Have you, or are you currently engaged in any other Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation Programs?  
- Yes
- No

Have you, or are you currently engaged with any other Indigenous scholarship providers (e.g. Yalari, IYLP, Gumala, IBN, CYLP)?  
- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide relevant details including program names, your involvement and any ongoing commitments or obligations:

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Have you, or are you currently engaged with any other scholarship, cadetship, career or mentor programs (e.g. ICS, AIME, Career Trackers, QLD Reds, The Smith Family)?  
- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide relevant details including program names, your involvement and any ongoing commitments or obligations:

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Have you, or are you currently engaged or participating in voluntary programs or any other university or college preparation programs (e.g. summer and/or winter school programs)?  
- Yes
- No
If yes, please provide relevant details including program names, your involvement and any ongoing commitments or obligations:

Have you ever been employed, either directly or as a contractor, by BHP (e.g. apprenticeship or traineeship)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please provide relevant details including position held, name of the Mine/Operation, and why you left:

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**Additional questions**

Please provide a typed response of no more than 500 words for each question. Please include the question at the beginning of each response.

1. Tell us about your hobbies, interests, any personal accomplishments you are proud of and any leadership roles you have had (e.g. school/house/sports captain, involvement in sports clubs or community groups).

2. The AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship is awarded to Indigenous students with potential and ambition. Tell us about your career goals and aspirations for the future. How will an AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship help you achieve these?

3. The AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship offers Indigenous students pathways to employment in the mining industry. What interests you about working in the mining industry, and for BHP in particular?

4. Why is your Indigenous culture important to you? You can tell us about your family, country and/or community and why these are important.

5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?
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Referees

Please note we may contact your referees to discuss your application and your suitability for the scholarship.

**Academic referee**

Name

Institution (i.e. school/university)

Job title

Relationship to you

Telephone

Email

**Personal referee**

(A person who has known you for at least two years)

Name

Relationship to you

How long have you known this person?

Telephone

Email
Declaration

I declare that the information supplied by me in this application is true, accurate and complete and that I have supplied all required supporting documents.

I understand that AIEF may request original copies of any submitted documents for the purpose of verification.

Additionally, I understand that the information collected about me in this form will be shared with third parties including BHP for the purpose of assessing my application for an AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship (2018).

I consent to AIEF:

1. Keeping the information on this form.
2. Using this information to contact me about other opportunities.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

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Checklist

1. Ensure that you have read and understood each section of the application form.
2. Where applicable, mark the most relevant answer by putting a cross in the appropriate box.
3. Ensure that you specify the discipline you are currently studying or applying to study (page 9).
4. Ensure that the information you have provided in this form is complete and accurate.
5. Submit your completed application form including:
   ✓ Typed responses to the additional questions 1 to 5.
   ✓ Contact information for two referees (one academic, one personal) (page 13).
   ✓ Evidence that you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. This may include:
     − An ABSTUDY statement from Centrelink.
     − Written confirmation by a recognised representative of your local Indigenous community of your Indigenous status (usually through your local land council, but other evidence will be considered)
   ✓ Copies* of academic results and/or transcripts for the past two years – do NOT send original certificates and/or academic results or transcripts with this form.

Return your completed application form by Sunday, 29 October 2017 to AIEF by post or email:

By post:
AIEF
AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship Applications (2018)
Suite 2A Level 2
2-12 Foveaux Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010

By email:
Please attach a copy of your application to an email with the subject heading ‘AIEF-BHP Tertiary Scholarship Applications (2018)’ and send to applications@aief.com.au.

* If your application is successful, you will be asked to provide original or certified copies of documents.