



National Art School strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to apply.

## NAS First Peoples Scholarship Application

Generously supported by a philanthropic donor and the National Art School, the NAS First Peoples scholarship covers full tuition fees for the 3 year Bachelor of Fine Art program. Two scholarships are offered to commencing students each year.

### Aim:

The NAS First Peoples Scholarship aims to contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students successfully attaining a higher education degree in the Visual Arts sector.

### Eligibility:

- Self identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Applicants must hold a current offer for a place in the Bachelor of Fine Art degree program through UAC (or have an application in place).

### Value and Duration:

\$14,735 per annum (or equal to current annum tuition fees) for a total of 3 years.

### Offers:

Offers will be made to 2 students based on their entry interview and portfolio submission.

At least 1 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person will be present at your interview and portfolio submission as a cultural safety requirement.

Successful applicants will be notified in early January 2023.

### PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name:	
Address:	
Current School:	
Phone Number:	

### Checklist:

- Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (further information on page 2 & 3)

Signature		Date	
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At NAS we acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity is sacred and special to each person and community. All applicants, students and staff who participate or are involved in NAS First Peoples Programs and/or Scholarships are required to provide proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and heritage.

Given the historical nature of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, we understand that obtaining an official Confirmation of Aboriginality can sometimes be challenging.

NAS accepts either of the following forms of documentation as a true Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent/heritage:

1. A letter of "Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent/Heritage". This must be stamped with the organisation's common seal of certification. For example:
  - Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent/heritage provided by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Land Council with the common seal;
  - Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent/heritage provided by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community organisation with the common seal;
  - Letter from the incorporated land council or organisation stating that the applicant has submitted a request for a 'Confirmation' document but the land council/organisation have not met yet (the requests for 'Confirmation' are voted on at the meetings).

OR

2. A Statutory Declaration. This is a legal binding document demonstrating your self-identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. The Statutory Declaration must be accompanied by any of the following:
  - Copies of a parents' 'Confirmation' document ('Confirmation' documents are only available to persons of 18 years of age or older), along with a birth certificate showing the parent and applicants' relationship
  - Proof of genealogy, such as birth records or an official family tree;
  - Evidence of membership to an organisation registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) as per the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
  - Proof that you are an Abstudy recipient (copy of your Abstudy forms)
  - Proof of genealogy, such as birth records or an official family tree;
  - A letter from an Indigenous organisation or Aboriginal Liaison Officer that recognises you as an Indigenous person. This must contain the organisation's letterhead;

- Copies of any awards which are specified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders;
- A letter from an Indigenous person employed in an Indigenous identified position. This must also contain the organisation's letterhead;
- A letter from a school that recognises you as an Indigenous student;
- Letter/s of support from a prominent Indigenous person in their community

Please submit this form together with certified copies of supporting documentation. Examples of suitable documents are listed on page two.

<b>PERSONAL DETAILS</b>		
<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>	
<b>Previous Name (if applicable):</b>		
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		
<b>Address for Correspondence:</b>		
	<b>State:</b>	<b>Postcode:</b>
<b>Phone (Home):</b>		<b>(Mobile):</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>		

I attach the Confirmation of my Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Status

<b>Applicant's signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**Please return in person or by post to:**

Student Services  
National Art School  
Darlinghurst  
NSW 2101  
[student.services@nas.edu.au](mailto:student.services@nas.edu.au)

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	Confirmation recorded	Signed:	Date: