

May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship



About May Graham-Turner

Aunty May Graham-Turner was a Kaurna woman in the Playford community well-known for her commitment to caring for others through her work at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Aunty May brought laughter and hope to the sick and terminally ill. This scholarship is to honour Aunty May and carry on her legacy.

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About the May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship

The City of Playford and Marni Waiendi are proud to offer a yearly Aboriginal Educational Scholarship of \$1000 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to use towards their education at any South Australian University, TAFE SA or South Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Who may apply?

To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of the City of Playford.
- Be a person who is of Aboriginal descent; identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander; and is accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community which they live or has lived.
- Be enrolled as a student at any South Australian University, TAFE SA or South Australian Registered Training Organisation.

What can I spend the scholarship on?

You must spend the money on any costs involved in undertaking your education/course including fees, travel expenses, childcare, computer equipment and software, stationery, tools, uniforms and/or textbooks.

How are applicants selected?

Once applications have been received by the closing date, a working group will decide on a shortlist. The shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and from there, a winner of The May Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship will be awarded. Priority will be given to those who have not previously been awarded a scholarship and for those who are completing their first degree/course.

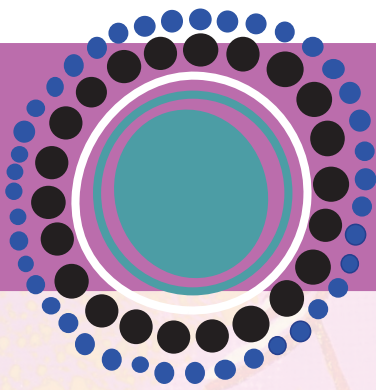
How do I apply?

If you are eligible, please complete an application form available on the City of Playford website at playford.sa.gov.au/marniwaiendi or contact Naomi Agius on 0410 341 028 for a copy. Once complete you can submit your application via one of the following methods:

Post | Naomi Agius, City of Playford
12 Bishopstone Road, Davoren Park SA 5113

Email | nagius@playford.sa.gov.au

Applications close at 5pm on **Friday 15 May 2026**. Please allow enough time if posting application.



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What documents do I need to provide?

In order to complete your application, the following documents need to be provided with your completed application form:

- Current confirmation of your enrollment at university, TAFE or RTO.
- Confirmation you are a resident of City of Playford; and
- Confirmation of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Who can be my referees?

You should provide at least two referees with your application. These should be people outside of your immediate family who know you in different capacities such as personally, professionally or academically. At least one referee must be from a professional or academic capacity. Your referees should be able to tell us about you and why you would benefit from receiving a scholarship.

What happens after I apply?

Once your application has been received we will acknowledge this with a confirmation email within 5 working days. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact Naomi Agius on 0410 341 028 or email: nagius@playford.sa.gov.au

Your application will be reviewed and assessed and if shortlisted you will be contacted and asked to attend an interview (this may be via phone or in person). If you are the winner, you will receive a formal letter of offer which will include an agreement form to be completed and signed. If you are aged under 18 years, you will need a nominated adult sign the agreement on your behalf.

What are the conditions of the scholarship?

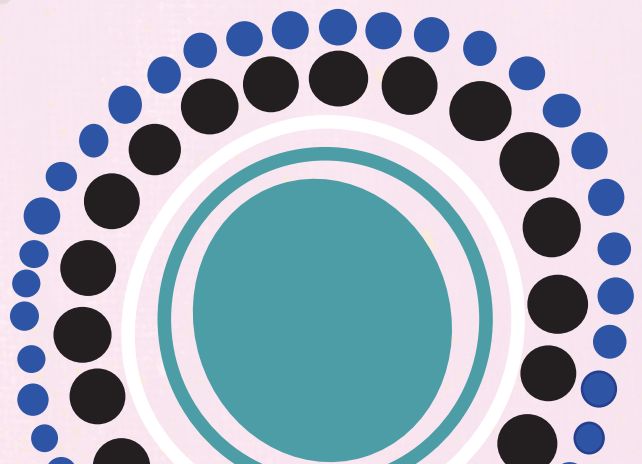
The scholarship and payment cannot commence until the City of Playford has received the successful applicant's signed Agreement Form.

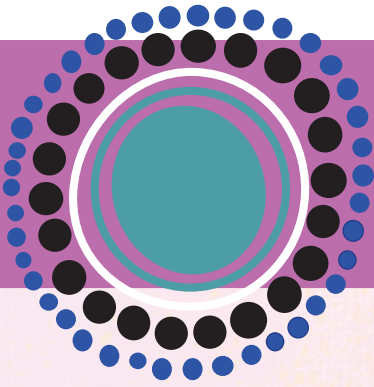
All information provided by applicants will be treated confidentially and your personal information can only be released in special circumstances, where the law requires or where you give permission.

It is the responsibility of you the applicant to ensure you comply with all Australian Tax Office (ATO) requirements in relation to receiving scholarship funding.

Who can I talk to?

Naomi Agius
Aboriginal Community Development Coordinator
Email | nagius@playford.sa.gov.au
Phone | 0410 341 028





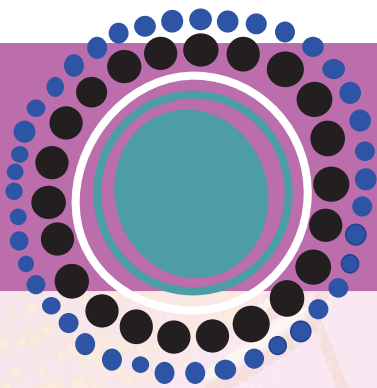
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Application Form

Name	
Gender	
Date of birth	
Address	
What community do you identify yourself with (eg. Kurna)	
Phone	
Email	

Are you a resident of City of Playford? (Evidence must be attached to the application form eg photocopy of driver's license, proof of ID card, rates notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander community member? (Evidence of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent is desired, but not essential)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of education/vocational training institution you are attending in 2026 (Evidence attached of signed letter of acceptance and enrolment information from the institution)	
Course/program name and level (eg 1st year, 2nd year)	
Have you previously received any scholarships or awards? If yes, please list	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What hobbies, interests and community activities are involved in outside of study or employment?	
What sources of financial support do you have? (eg Centrelink, work, family)	
What are your goals upon completing your study? How will the Scholarship support you in achieving these goals?	



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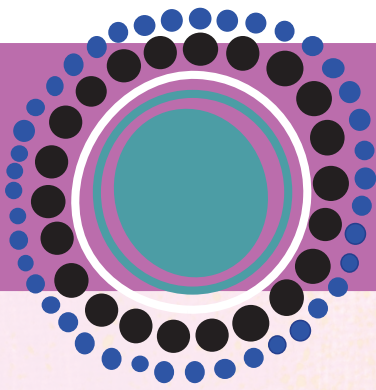
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Referee 1

Referee's name	
Occupation/position	
Referee's address	
Referee's contact number	
Referee's email	
How do you know the applicant?	
Explain why you believe the applicant should receive the May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship?	

Referee 2

Referee's name	
Occupation/position	
Referee's address	
Referee's contact number	
Referee's email	
How do you know the applicant?	
Explain why you believe the applicant should receive the May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship?	



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Applicant Declaration

I declare that:

- I live in City of Playford.
- I am Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander person and am accepted as such by the community in which I live or have lived.
- I will undertake The Aunty May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship in accordance with the intended outcomes.
- The information given by me in this application is complete and correct.

I understand that:

- Personal information on this form is collected by City of Playford in order to consider my eligibility for The Aunty May Graham-Turner Aboriginal Education Scholarship.
- The personal information collected will be disclosed to the working group panel and interviewers for assessment purposes.
- I have read the guidelines and declare that the information supplied by me is true and correct.

Applicant signature

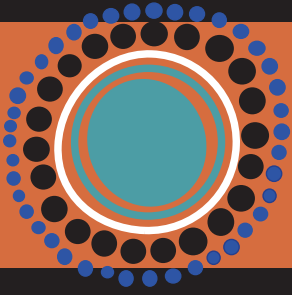
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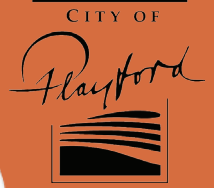
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*The late Aunty May Graham-Turner of the Kurna people (photographed).
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