



# Education and Career Development Scholarships 2021

## Application Form

### About the Award

This Award will support 10 young people from refugee backgrounds living in the Hunter Region to:

- remain enrolled in high school or educational institute during the term of the Award;
- increase their confidence in their ability to engage with their studies;
- make well informed decisions about their future;
- increase their knowledge of training opportunities and further education; and
- pursue opportunities in a chosen career, resulting in employment and advancement.

Successful applicants will be awarded:

- a scholarship of \$2,000 to support their education;
- personalised career development advice;
- the opportunity to participate in a 13-week mentoring program.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Award, you must:

- be at least 15 years old
- be currently enrolled in a secondary school or equivalent educational institution in the Hunter Region
- be able to obtain a Statement of Support from Northern Settlement Services confirming that you arrived in Australia on an eligible refugee visa
- be able to demonstrate your commitment to achieving your educational goals.

### Application Process

- Applications are open until **Friday, 12 March**.
- Applications are to be posted to the Mentor Support Network at **PO Box 3149, Merewether 2291** and be received no later than close of business on **Monday, 15 March**.
- Applications will be assessed by a Selection Panel, involving an interview. Successful applicants will be advised by email and invited to attend a presentation.

## Award Rules

- The Award must be taken in March 2021 year and cannot be deferred.
- Successful applicants must be available to attend the formal presentation.
- Recipients must reside in and remain a resident of the Hunter Region for the full Award period of 13 weeks.
- Recipients must be able to dedicate a minimum of 3 hours per week to participate in the Award, including attending sessions with their mentor and career advisor.
- Scholarship money must be used during the school year only for legitimate educational purposes (e.g. school fees, tuition fees, text books, stationery, computer hardware and software, educational excursions, course materials and specialist equipment). It is not to be used for non-educational personal needs such as car registration or driving lessons. All scholarship funds must be used by no later than 30 October 2021 otherwise any outstanding amount will be forfeited.
- To receive the benefit of the scholarship money, a recipient must send a proposal to the Participant Co-ordinator at Mentor Support Network with the proposed expense (including a quote where possible) and confirmation from their school that the proposed expense is necessary to support their educational needs.
- Should a recipient leave their school or educational institution during the Award period, they must immediately notify the Participant Co-ordinator at Mentor Support Network.
- Recipients must complete the survey at the end of the Award period for evaluation purposes.

## Your Details

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone:

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Date of Birth:

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Email:

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School or Institution:

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Grade or Course:

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## Your Parent or Guardian

Name:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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## About You

What do you hope to do when you complete your education?

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Provide a description of what might prevent you from meeting your educational goals. This could be personal, financial, social or a combination of circumstances.

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Briefly describe why you are applying for this Award.

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If you were successful in your application, how would you spend the scholarship money?

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If you were successful in your application, what would you hope to achieve from working with a mentor?

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Describe your ideal career.

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### What to include with your Application

- A copy of your latest School or Institution Report
- A Statement of Support from Northern Settlement Services
- If you are under 18, a signed Parent or Guardian Consent Form
- If you are over 18, your signed Consent Form

### Declaration

I declare that the information and statements provided are true, and I understand that if I provide false information I will become ineligible to participate in the Award and will be required to refund any money spent under the scholarship.

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Signature

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Date

## Parent or Guardian Consent Form

(Please only complete if the applicant is under 18 years of age)

I am the parent or legal guardian of

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I consent to the Mentor Support Network:

1. collecting personal information about me and my child for the purpose of my child applying for this Award, and if my child is successful in the application, for the purpose of administering the Award;
2. disclosing personal information about me and my child to third parties who provide services and support to the Award, including members of the Mentor Support Network, the Mutual Bank, Northern Settlement Services, mentors, career advisors and my child's school; and
3. using personal information about me and my child for the purpose of evaluating the programs which form part of the Award, and related purposes.

I understand that, if my child is successful, he/she will participate in a mentoring program with an adult volunteer who has:

1. a Working With Children Check Clearance from the NSW Government's Office of the Children's Guardian ([www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)); and
2. completed mentor training with Mentor Support Network.

I consent to my child participating in the mentoring program.

I consent to Mentor Support Network members utilising photographs of my child taken during his/her involvement in the Award (including the mentoring program), and waive all rights of compensation.

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Name

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Date

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Signature

## Consent Form

(Please only complete if the applicant is over 18 years of age)

I consent to the Mentor Support Network:

1. collecting personal information about me for the purpose of applying for this Award, and if I am successful in the application, for the purpose of administering the Award;
2. disclosing personal information about me to third parties who provide services and support to the Award, including members of the Mentor Support Network, the Mutual Bank, Northern Settlement Services, mentors, career advisors and my school or education institution; and
3. using personal information about me for the purpose of evaluating the programs which form part of the Award, and related purposes.

I consent to Mentor Support Network members utilising photographs of me taken during my involvement in the Award (including the mentoring program), and waive all rights of compensation.

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Name

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Date

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Signature