

AM-YAC Scholarship Indigenous Community Trust Scholarship Program

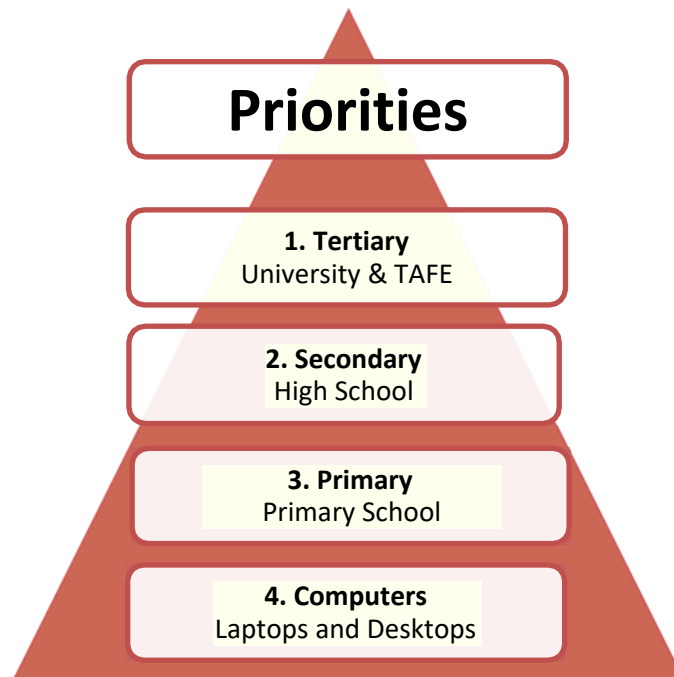
Payment Guidelines Amended as at 5 March 2020

Vision of the AM-YAC Scholarship Subcommittee

Pulkara Nintiringkuny tjaku

For the AM-YAC Community to further the education of their children, for the benefit of the AM-YAC Community, for they are the young people of this land and to provide a hopeful future reality.

Manta palya kanyinutjaku



Objectives of the AM-YAC Scholarship Subcommittee

- To encourage secondary and tertiary students to stay in school.
- To encourage supported secondary students to go on to further study after school.
- To support tertiary students to obtain their desired qualifications.

These guidelines are to be utilised in consideration with the payment rules for the AM-YAC Indigenous Community Trust as adopted from time to time.

1. Applications

- a. The aim of this program is to provide assistance to children of AM-YAC Members and AM-YAC Members for assistance with secondary and tertiary education costs.
- b. The application is to be completed by:
 - i. The student if over the age of 18 years and under the age of 30.
 - ii. The Parent/Guardian when the student is under 18 years.
- c. For applicants over 18 years of age, they must either be an AM-YAC member or have submitted their application for membership. Students who are not yet recognised AM-YAC members due to their age, will be validated through their parents at the discretion of the scholarship subcommittee.
- d. The application must be accompanied by;
 - i. an attendance record for the past twelve months for the school the applicant is currently attending: and
 - ii. For applications of \$1,000 and over, a written statement by the applicant (or their Parent/Guardian) outlining why they are applying and why they should be considered.
- e. Applications must be received by 31 October for Term 1 and 30 April for Term 3 of each year.
- f. The Scholarship Subcommittee must approve applications by a majority.
- g. The trustee will arrange for direct payment or provide vouchers where required.
- h. The maximum distribution per applicant per year is \$10,000 (excluding applications previously approved).
- i. Where appropriate, government funding should be sought before applying for payments from the trust and documentation of that process will need to be provided.
- j. Applicants are not restricted from applying for any other scholarships to assist with their education.

2. Conditions of Scholarships

- a. Successful applications will meet the following conditions:
 - i. Previous school attendance will be 80% or greater: and
 - ii. Display a strong commitment to the applicant's education.
- b. Ongoing scholarship approval will be subject to maintaining an attendance of 80% or higher.
- c. Successful applicants may be asked to provide a report or present to the AM-YAC Advisory Council or any other body of AM-YAC on their experiences based on their scholarship.
- d. Scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure applicants are maintaining the conditions of their application.

- e. Any other conditions may be imposed on applicants by the subcommittee as they deem appropriate.

3. Tertiary Program

- a. Applicants may apply for assistance with education fees (including fees, compulsory books and reference materials, excursions and camps which form part of their assessed curriculum and accommodation) of up to \$10,000 per year. This applies to university and TAFE students and those undertaking an apprenticeship for which there are education costs they are responsible for. Applicants cannot apply for fee payments for University Courses.
- b. This is exclusive of scholarships that have been approved from other service providers which are over \$10,000 per year.

4. Secondary School Program

- a. In conjunction with these rules, each student can apply for up to \$700 assistance with uniforms. Uniforms include hats, shoes and school bags from uniform suppliers.
- b. The trust will arrange to pay the suppliers direct for the requested items upon the production of an invoice from the applicant.
- c. Members can apply for assistance with the costs of engaging a qualified tutor for up to 2 sessions per week. A letter of support from the student's school and credentials of the tutor to be engaged are to be provided with the application. Payment will be made directly to the tutor from the Executive Office.
- d. Applicants may apply for assistance with education fees (including fees, compulsory books and reference materials, excursions and camps which form part of their assessed curriculum and accommodation) of up to \$10,000 per year. This applies to high school students for which there are education costs they are responsible for.
- e. This is exclusive of scholarships that have been approved from other service providers which are over \$10,000 per year.

5. Primary School Program

- a. The aim of this program is to provide assistance to children of AM-YAC Members who are attending primary school.
- a. Applicants may apply for assistance with education fees (including fees, compulsory books and reference materials, excursions and camps which form part of their assessed curriculum and accommodation) of up to \$10,000 per year. This applies to primary school students for which there are education costs they are responsible for.
- a. At the subcommittee's discretion each year, funds may be set aside for children of AM-YAC Members to apply for assistance with school uniforms. Uniforms include hats, shoes and school bags from uniform suppliers.
- b. Each student can apply for up to \$500 worth of school uniforms each calendar year.

- c. Members can apply for assistance with education fees (including fees, compulsory books and stationery, excursions, camps which form part of their school curriculum).
- d. Members can apply for assistance with the costs of engaging a qualified tutor for up to 2 sessions per week i.e. to assist primary school children improve their reading, writing, literacy and maths. A letter of support from the student's school and credentials of the tutor to be engaged are to be provided with the application. Payment will be made directly to the tutor from the Executive Office.
- e. Assistance with school uniforms is not restricted by the 31 October or 30 April deadline and payments can be made throughout the year by the Trustee as long as the student is the direct child of an AM-YAC member and is within funding cap.

6. Computer Program

- a. The aim of this program is to provide assistance to children of AM-YAC Members and AM-YAC Members who require a computer to assist with their studies.
- b. Each high school or university student can apply for one laptop every four years.
- c. Primary school students aged 10 and over can apply for one computer per household. Each household with primary school age children may apply for a computer every four years.
- d. Approved applicants will receive a laptop or desktop with Microsoft Office or the equivalent supplied to them by the executive office.