

## CGC Scholarship: Application

### About

The CGC Scholarships are designed to invest in the potential of regional and rural students in North Queensland, supporting their aspirations for higher education. These scholarships provide financial assistance to help students pursue their goals, with a focus on those who bring **resilience, determination, and a strong commitment** to their studies.

### Eligibility

#### Applicants must:

- Be a registered TCUC student
- Live on the Tablelands, Cassowary Coast or Mareeba area
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate or post graduate degree in 2026 and continuing their studies in 2026

Applicants must also **meet at least one of the following criteria**, which reflect our commitment to supporting students who are navigating systemic barriers to university access:

- First in your family to attend university
- Shown commitment to study despite challenges (work, family, health, or education disruption)
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Demonstrated leadership, contribution, or initiative in community
- Entered university via a non-traditional pathway (e.g. mature-age, vocational entry or other non-standard routes)

Applicants may respond to a **maximum of TWO criteria** from the list above in their application. If more than two responses are submitted, only the two highest scoring responses will be assessed.

#### Applicants must also:

- Provide confirmation of enrolment (please attach to this application)
- Response to the key selection criteria (below)

#### Ongoing criteria if successful

- Continuing enrolment in undergraduate or postgraduate degree for 2026
- Continuing registration with the TCUC

Personal Details	
Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Residential Address	
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	No Yes – Aboriginal Yes – Torres Strait Islander Yes Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Highest level of education previously completed	Year Level: Year Completed:
Study Provider <i>Which TAFE, Uni or RTO</i>	
Title of course <i>E.g. Bachelor of Education</i>	
Full time or part time study	
Study commencement date <i>(MM/YY)</i>	
Expected study completion date <i>(MM/YY)</i>	

**Section 1: About You**

<p><b>Personal Statement</b>            Tell us about yourself - your background, values, what motivates you, or what you would like us to know about you.  <i>(Max 100 words)</i></p>	
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**Study Goals & Future Aspirations**

Tell us about your chosen degree, why you are studying it, what you hope to achieve through your studies, and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals.  
*(Max 200 words)*

**Resilience, Determination & Commitment**

How have you shown resilience, determination, and commitment to your studies?  
*(Max 200 words)*

**How does the Tablelands or Cassowary Coast University Centre support your study journey?**

Tell us how TUC or CCUC has helped your studies and the difference it has made for you.  
*(Max 200 words)*

**Section 2: Key Selection Criteria (Pages 4–8)**

This section gives you the opportunity to share more about your background, experiences, and the challenges you've overcome in your study journey. **You must respond to at least ONE of the following questions and may respond to a maximum of TWO questions.** If more than two responses are submitted, only the two highest scoring responses will be assessed.

**You can respond in ONE of two ways:**

1. Written response (up to 400 words per question),  
**OR**
2. Pre-recorded video (max 3 minutes), recorded on your phone is fine, introducing yourself and responding to the question(s) you choose. Video submission details are provided on page 9.

Both options are equally considered and will not disadvantage your application.

**a) First in Family to Attend University**

Are you the first in your family to attend university? What have been the challenges and benefits of forging a new pathway within your family?

*(Max 400 words)*

**b) Overcoming Challenges to Study**

Have you experienced significant challenges in maintaining your studies? How have you balanced study with work, family responsibilities, disruptions to your studies, or health challenges?

*(Max 400 words)*



**c) Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait Islander  
Identity & Advocacy**

Do you identify as  
Aboriginal and/or Torres  
Strait Islander? If yes,  
please share your  
connection to culture  
and/or any involvement in  
community, advocacy, or  
supporting First Nations  
access to education.

*(Max 400 words)*



**d) Leadership, Initiative & Community Contribution**

Have you demonstrated leadership, initiative, or made a contribution to your school, university, or community during your studies?

*(Max 400 words)*



**e) Non-Traditional Entry  
Pathway**

Did you gain entry to your degree via a non-traditional pathway (e.g., VET certificate, bridging course, mature-age entry)? What opportunities has this pathway provided?

*(Max 400 words)*

### Supporting Documentation

To support your application, you must provide:

- Proof of your current residential address (e.g., phone or bank letter, or any official document confirming your address).
- Confirmation of Enrolment from your education provider

### Video Submission (if applicable)

If you have chosen to submit a video application, please ensure it is uploaded to a secure third-party platform (e.g. YouTube or Dropbox) and the URL is included in your application submission email. We are unable to accept video files sent as email attachments. These will not be viewed or assessed.

### Submission Checklist

Before submitting, please ensure you have:

- Read and understood the Terms and Conditions for the CGC Scholarship.
- Completed all questions in Section 1: About You.
- Answered at least one question or a maximum of 2 questions from Section 2: Key Selection Criteria (Pages 4-8).
- Attached all required supporting documentation.

### APPLICANT DECLARATION:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that all information provided in the CGC Scholarship application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete information may result in the disqualification of my application.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the CGC Scholarship Program, and I agree to abide by them. I understand that the decision of the selection committee is final.

By signing this declaration, I acknowledge that if successful, I will be required to provide documentation from my education provider confirming my enrolment for when requested by the Tablelands or Cassowary Coast University Centre.

Applicant's Name	
Applicant's Signature	
Date	

### Completed forms and supporting documentation are to be emailed to

- Cassowary Coast University Centre – [ccuc@vpginc.com.au](mailto:ccuc@vpginc.com.au)
- Tablelands University Centre – [tuc@vpginc.com.au](mailto:tuc@vpginc.com.au)

**by midnight Thursday 4 June 2026**