

TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

POLICY OVERVIEW

The FNBGGGTB Board recognises the vital role of education—especially tertiary education—in improving the health, economic wellbeing, and community contribution of our people. Higher education also supports effective participation in broader society.

To enhance educational outcomes for FNBGGGTB members, tertiary education has been identified as a key priority (Priority Three) in the FNBGGGTB suite of programs. The FNBGGGTB Education Committee has developed this policy as part of the Education Assistance Range of Programs.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Scholarship assistance is available for FNBGGGTB members enrolled in University, Certificate IV, or Diploma studies who submit a formal application:

- **University students (undergraduate, postgraduate, or Higher Degree Research):** Up to **\$5,000 per person**; total of 24 grants available.
- **Certificate IV students:** Up to **\$2,500 per person**.
- **Diploma students:** Up to **\$4,000 per person**.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all the following:

- Be an Aboriginal tertiary student from the FNBGGGTB native title group (Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda).
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in a Certificate IV, Diploma, undergraduate, or postgraduate program at a recognised Australian institute or university.
- Note: Part-time scholarships are pro-rata, and international study may be considered.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must submit the following with their application:

- A ~200-word statement outlining course goals and how the scholarship will support your studies.
- Evidence of community contribution or leadership.
- Academic transcript / proof of enrolment.
- **Postgraduate students:** Supervisor or Higher Degree Research letter detailing progress.
- Two references: one from a recognised FNBGGGTB community member and one additional (academic, professional, or personal).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Written statement
- Community service contribution
- Proof of enrolment
- Written references (academic and community)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Disclose previously enrolled courses and whether they were completed.
- Submit certified academic transcript if currently studying.
- Provide one academic and one community referee.

Note: Future applications are only considered if the current scholarship shows successful progress (e.g., all subjects passed).

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications are assessed by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the FNBGGGTB Executive and recommended to the FNBGGGTB Board.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The FNBGGGTB Board will appoint a Selection Committee, chaired by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee or their nominee, to evaluate applications.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS For University Based Students

2026 Payment Schedule – FNBGGGTB Scholarships Assistance Program:

PAYMENT	PART TIME/ONLINE	FULL TIME/ONLINE	NOTES
PAYMENT 1	\$625.00	\$1,250.00	Initial payment to be made after census date, and on receipt of FNBGGGTB approval letter.
PAYMENT 2	\$625.00	\$1,250.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record.
PAYMENT 3	\$625.00	\$1,250.00	Initial payment to be made after census date, and on receipt of FNBGGGTB approval letter.
PAYMENT 4	\$625.00	\$1,250.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record.

Full-time study is 40 credit points per trimester; part-time is less than 75% of a full-time load

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS For CERT IV Students

2026 Payment Schedule – FNBGGGTB Scholarships Assistance Program:

PAYMENT	PART TIME/ONLINE	FULL TIME/ONLINE	NOTES
PAYMENT 1	\$500.00	\$625.00	Initial payment to be made on receipt of FNBGGGTB approval letter.
PAYMENT 2	\$500.00	\$625.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.
PAYMENT 3	\$500.00	\$625.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.
PAYMENT 4	\$500.00	\$625.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS For DIPLOMA STUDENTS

2026 Payment Schedule – FNBGGGTB Scholarships Assistance Program:

PAYMENT	PART TIME/ONLINE	FULL TIME/ONLINE	NOTES
PAYMENT 1	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	Initial payment to be made on receipt of FNBGGGTB approval letter.
PAYMENT 2	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.
PAYMENT 3	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.
PAYMENT 4	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	To be made on successful completion of semester, by provision of academic record which shows pass or equivalent.

Payment and Progress Requirements

- **University students:** Initial payment of **\$1,250 (full-time)** or **\$625 (part-time)**, subject to successful progress.
- **Certificate IV students:** Initial payment of **\$625 (full-time)** or **\$500 (part-time)**, subject to successful progress.
- **Diploma students:** Initial payment of **\$1,000 (full-time)** or **\$800 (part-time)**, subject to successful progress.

Approval is available for students continuing in a Cert IV, Diploma, advanced course, or University program, as well as for new applications in subsequent years.

Payment will be made after confirmation of successful progress, which is defined as:

- Certified academic transcripts showing at least a **PASS** in all subjects enrolled for the sponsored semester.
- Submission of a **student progress report or feedback** on the course.

The Chair of the Scholarship Committee (or nominee) will submit the list of successful applicants to the FNBGGGTB Board for final approval and payment.

A Letter of Offer of Assistance from FNBGGGTB will be issued to confirm the terms of the scholarship.