

Youth Education Bursary

Council Policy



Owner	Elected Members		
Responsible Officer	Director Community Development		
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1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the community, applicants, recipients and the Elected Members of Alice Springs Town Council (Council) across all components of the Youth Education Bursary.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

Term	Definition
Bursary	Financial assistance provided on the basis of academic merit
TAFE	Technical and Further Education

3 Policy Statement

Council is committed to creating opportunities for young people to further education pathways, through an annual youth education bursary.

3.1 Youth Education Bursary

Each financial year Council offers up to four, individual scholarships for young people between 15-25 years to undertake study at school, or further education at TAFE or University.

3.2 Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- be a resident of the Alice Springs Town Council Local Government area as per Northern Territory Electoral Commission <https://ntec.nt.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/local-government-areas>
- be aged between 15 – 25 years at the time of application.
- be currently studying or plan to undertake study at an Australian University, TAFE or at an Alice Springs secondary school.
- have suitable academic performance as per clause 3.2.1

3.2.1 Academic performance

Applicants are required to demonstrate commitment to their education and perseverance in furthering their education as per 3.2(c) and this may be evident through:

- academic ability
- educational highlights
- motivation to succeed

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3.3 Selection

Applications are assessed by appropriate Council officers based on 3.2.1, together with any demonstrated community involvement. Selected applicants are presented to Council for Elected Members to endorse and are invited to attend the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony where they are presented with their bursary.

3.4 Bursary value and payment process

The total annual bursary is divided into a maximum of four equal and capped amounts per recipient. To initiate any payment to the recipient, a copy of a study acceptance letter is required for TAFE and University students to Council including a study commencement date and an enrolment confirmation for secondary school.

3.5 Deferral of Bursary

Council acknowledges students planning to attend University or TAFE may decide to defer their enrolment. Council may consider deferral requests for bursary funds based on individual circumstances, for a maximum period of 12 months from the scheduled start date of enrolment.

3.5.1 Forfeit of Bursary

Council reserves the right to forfeit and/or request repayment of the full bursary amount if the recipient:

- (a) cancels their enrolment; or
- (b) does not attend the university, TAFE or school to complete their classes/study without receiving an approved deferral.

Consideration will be given for extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

3.6 Reporting for successful recipients

As a bursary condition, successful recipients agree to be contacted by Council officers during their education, for potential reporting opportunities.

4 Responsibilities

Director Community Development is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

5 Related Legislation and Documents

- Conflict of Interest Policy – Elected Members
- Conflict of Interest Policy – CEO & Employees

6 Communication and Training

Will this policy be communicated through consultation to teams?	Yes
Where will this policy be available?	Council Website
Will training needs arise from this policy? If yes, who will be responsible.	No