

CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Successful applicants must provide satisfactory evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

To confirm your status as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, you must obtain confirmation in written form, in your name, from an Indigenous Australian organisation within the community in which you live or have previously lived.

Community organisations able to provide acceptable confirmation will usually be:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander association incorporated under Part IV of the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* or
- an incorporated community organisation where the majority of the governing body are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons.

Confirmation in another family member's name or from a community organisation related to an academic institution **cannot** be accepted.

The Confirmation of Aboriginality must be signed by two office bearers, or one office bearer with the common seal affixed.

You do not have to provide a confirmation document at the time of application. If your application is successful, you will be required to provide a certified copy of this document with the Acceptance pack.

If you do not currently have a Confirmation of Aboriginality document, ACN recommends that you commence the process of obtaining this as soon as possible, as this can sometimes take a while.

The attached 'Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent' form has been developed for use if you do not currently have Confirmation of Aboriginality that fulfils the schemes requirements.

CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESCENT FORM

This Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent Form must be completed by the applicant and a recognised incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation as part of the eligibility criteria of the scholarship scheme.

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) recognises that there may be some circumstances where it is difficult for people to obtain confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. If this applies, for assistance or advice in completing this form, please contact the scholarships team via email at scholarships@acn.edu.au or call 1800 688 628.

SECTION 1 – to be completed by the applicant

I, _____ also known as _____
(full name) (maiden, community or traditional name)
of _____
(address)

Make the following declaration (tick all statements that apply):

- I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- I identify as a person of such descent.
- I am accepted as such by the _____ community in which I currently live, or formerly lived for _____ years.
- The community is my traditional area or the area where my ancestors lived for the last _____ years.

Applicants' signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 2 – to be completed by a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation

It is hereby confirmed that the above named applicant has provided sufficient evidence to indicate that he/she is recognised as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Name of organisation: _____

Resolution number: _____ Date of meeting: _____

Signature: _____ (authorised signatory)

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ (authorised signatory)

Print name: _____

Affix common
seal here

BOTH SECTIONS 1 & 2 MUST BE COMPLETED

GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNISING ORGANISATIONS

Community organisations will be responsible to ensure that only people who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent receive benefits to which they are entitled. Community organisations should therefore consider carefully whether to certify the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent of an applicant who is seeking a scholarship. Community organisations able to provide acceptable confirmation will usually be:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander association incorporated under Part IV of the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* or
- an incorporated community organisation where the majority of the governing body are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons.

Indigenous organisations may include Aboriginal Medical Services or Local Land Councils. Confirmation from a community organisation related to an academic institution will **not** be accepted.