Purpose of Scholarship

The QATSICPP Scholarship provides financial support to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child, youth and family workers employed within the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Services sector undertaking Griffith University's Graduate Certificate in Social Justice and Community Practice - 3403 or the Graduate Certificate in Case Management and Mental Health - 3404.

Nature of Scholarship

Twenty-five (25) scholarships will be available each financial year up to 2025-2026. Scholarships will be advertised each year in August for a start in Trimester 3 (November).

Each scholarship has a maximum value of $11,500 payable in instalments toward the recipients Student Contribution Charges.

Instalments are payable for each 10 Credit Points course a recipient is enrolled in, with a requirement that one of those 10CP courses be the *Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Practice Standards 7050HSV* course.

QATSICPP facilitates payment of course fees directly to Griffith University each Trimester.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

- be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be employed as a child, youth and family worker in the Child Protection Community-Controlled sector.

  (Please note: All candidates within the sector are encouraged to submit their applications, with preference given to those employed in Family Wellbeing Services and the Family Participation Program as priority, for the Scholarship opportunity),

- **meet the entry requirements for Griffith University's** *Graduate Certificate in Social Justice and Community Practice - 3403 or the Graduate Certificate in Case Management and Mental Health - 3404*.

1. Academic Qualification Pathway

- *Completion of a Bachelor degree or higher in any discipline from a recognised university or tertiary institution.*
- *A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 (on a 7-point scale) may be required for some programs.*

2. Vocational Qualification + Professional Experience Pathway

- *Completion of a **Certificate IV or Diploma** (VET/TAFE) in a **related discipline**, such as;*

Social or Behavioural Sciences, Disability Services/Support, Rehabilitation, Family Support, Mental Health Support, Community Development/Welfare, Youth Work, Aged Care, First Peoples Welfare and Support Services, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Education, Criminology, Arts, Public Health, or Health Science

- ***AND** at least **one year of full-time relevant professional experience** in fields such as; Community Services, Disability or Mental Health Support, Rehabilitation or Family Support, Youth Work or Aged Care, First Peoples Welfare and Support Services, Other related human services sectors.*

3. Professional Experience Pathway (Without Formal Qualifications)

- *A minimum of **three years of full-time professional experience** in relevant fields (as listed above).*
- *Applicants must also demonstrate their capacity to undertake graduate-level study through:*
  - *A **discussion with the Program Director***
  - *Submission of a **curriculum vitae (CV)***
  - *A **reference letter from an employer** verifying the nature and duration of the experience*
- (If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact QATSICPP Scholarships to discuss).
- complete the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Practice Standards 7050HSV as an elective,
- be supported by their CEO and Line Supervisor to meet the scholarship conditions.

Application Process

After reading the Scholarship Guidelines, applicants are required to complete the Application Form and send documents to *scholarships@qatsicpp.com.au*.

Selection Process

Eligible applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected based on the eligibility criteria for QATSICPP and Griffith University.

Family Wellbeing Services and Family Participation Program workers will take priority for the Scholarship program. The remaining scholarships for each yearly intake will be awarded to the pool of applicants, in accordance with QATSICPP's Selection Criteria.

A face-to-face or video interview with the QATSICPP scholarship team may be required for shortlisted applicants.

Applicants will be notified if they are successful or not, prior to the commencement of

Trimester 3.

Successful applicants will be required to attend a scholarship briefing and orientation (virtually).

Conditions

To accept and remain eligible for the scholarship, recipients must:

- remain enrolled at Griffith University in the Graduate Certificate in Social Justice and Community Practice - 3403 or the Graduate Certificate in Case Management and Mental Health - 3404.
- complete the ***Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Practice Standards 7050HSV*** Course. (Please note: This course is a **compulsory requirement** under the scholarship conditions and includes an in-person attendance component at Griffith University, Brisbane, for a one-week intensive teaching period.).
- study in consecutive trimesters; (if students wish to defer a trimester, they are to inform QATSICPP of their intentions).
- maintain a pass level.
- continue to be employed in the Child Protection Community-Controlled sector for the duration of the scholarship.
- participate in an evaluation of the scholarship program and the course more broadly.
- be willing to attend an awards ceremony and assist, where appropriate, in the promotion of the scholarships program and the courses undertaken.
- Notify QATSICPP prior to the commencement of each trimester of the course/s enrolled in.
- Provide QATSICPP with a copy of the unofficial transcript for grades at the end of each trimester.
- Provide consent to GUMURRII Student Success Unit to share academic information with QATSICPP.

Payments and ongoing recipient eligibility will be managed by QATSICPP.

If a scholarship recipient fails to successfully meet these conditions, it is at the discretion of QATSICPP to withhold the trimester instalment or terminate the scholarship.

Acceptance & Agreement

Successful applicants will be required to complete and sign the following documentation:

1. **Student Agreement** - outlines the scholarship conditions and commitments by the student and their support network including their organisation's CEO and Line Supervisor.
2. **Griffith University Student Sponsorship Form** - required by Griffith University Finance to assign student account to QATSICPP's sponsorship.

Complaints/Grievances

Any complaints, grievances or disputes relating to the scholarships should be directed to the scholarships email scholarships@qatsicpp.com.au or tiresavaai@qatsicpp.com.au

Complaints may also be made directly to the Chief Executive Officer of QATSICPP. The complaint or request will then be recorded in the complaints register.

Key Dates

QATSICPP Scholarships

1 August 2025 - Applications Open

1 September 2025 - Applications Close

22 September 2025 - Applicants notified of outcome.

Griffith University

4 August 2025 - Applications Open for Graduate Certificate

20 October 2025 - Applications Close

22 October 2025 (TBC) - GUMURRII Student Orientation

3 November 2025 - Trimester 3 starts.

Queries

If you have read the Guidelines, and have queries about meeting the eligibility criteria, please contact:

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E: scholarships@qatsicpp.com.au