



GO Foundation Story

Values: Integrity. Equality. Opportunity. Strength in culture.

The GO Foundation was founded by Sydney Swans Legends, Adam Goodes and Michael O’Loughlin. As proud Aboriginal men, their names are synonymous with **integrity, equality** and **opportunity**.

The GO Foundation provides scholarships to Indigenous students from primary school through to university, in public and independent schools, to students who live with family and in community. Our scholarships aim to make the journey through school as rich and rewarding as possible.

A GO scholarship is an entry point to the GO Ecosystem, a model of collaborative impact where our partners work with us to provide GO students with a broad range of **opportunities**. In addition, one of our partners, CareerTrackers, work with us to broaden our students’ perspectives and provide access to internships and other relevant opportunities.

At the heart of the GO Ecosystem is a burning desire to strengthen cultural identity - to connect GO Scholars in a meaningful way to their history, **culture** and heritage. By sharing our scholar’s perspective and their **culture** with our Ecosystem partners, we are working to create workplaces that are truly inclusive and welcoming of all Australians. We do this so that we can all share in the oldest living **culture** in the world.

The GO Foundation chooses students based on several criteria:

- 1 **Good Standing:** If the applicant is enrolled as a tertiary student, the student must be in good standing with the education provider.
- 2 **Aspiration:** Applicant should demonstrate an aspiration to work hard and achieve. Academic performance is helpful evidence, but it is not the only way in which an applicant might demonstrate a strong work ethic.
- 3 **Cultural identity:** Applicant should demonstrate a strong cultural identity or demonstrate a desire to understand more about their cultural heritage (for example through activities, community engagement or other).
- 4 **Giving Back:** Applicant should care about their community, family and friends. Community service, volunteer work and certain extracurricular activities or memberships of organisations by applicant should be considered.
- 5 **Financial need:** GO Foundation scholarships are not means tested, but applicants who demonstrate financial need are more likely to be awarded a scholarship.

THE APPLICATION GIVES US THE INFORMATION TO ASSESS THESE CRITERIA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SCHOLARSHIP.
THE MORE DETAIL YOU PROVIDE, THE BETTER WE CAN ASSESS YOUR APPLICATION.



University Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb/Town _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Postal Address (if different): _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ Place of birth: _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): SMS/Text Email

Gender: Female Male Prefer not to say Current year: _____

Allergies: _____

Current University: _____

What level of education do you wish to achieve (choose one): Bachelors Masters

Doctorate Other: _____

What career do you want to pursue? _____

Are you the eldest child in the family? YES NO

If not, what is your birth order in the family? _____

At which university are you applying for a scholarship: _____

Are you (choose one): ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BOTH

Which First Nations do you identify with? _____

Please list the languages spoken at home: _____

Highest education qualification/grade completed for parents: _____

Current job (if applicable): _____

Emergency Contact Details

In an emergency, who should we contact:

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Relationship to student: _____

STUDENT QUESTIONS

The GO Foundation uses the criteria below to assess applications for GO scholarships. We retain the discretion not to give each criteria equal weighting and may provide a scholarship even where an application does not address all the criteria.

The selection criteria are as follows, in no particular order:

- 1 **Financial need:** GO Foundation scholarships are not means tested, but applicants who demonstrate financial need are more likely to be awarded a scholarship. GO Foundation will consider, in particular, the circumstances of the applicant's family or immediate caregivers in considering this factor.
- 2 **Work ethic and aspiration:** Applicant should demonstrate an aspiration to work hard and achieve. Academic performance is helpful evidence, but it is not the only way in which an applicant might demonstrate a strong work ethic. The applicant must display an understanding that hard work is the only way to achieve.
- 3 **Cultural identity:** Applicant should demonstrate a strong cultural identity or a desire to understand more about their cultural heritage.
- 4 **Desire to give back to the community:** Applicant should care about their community, family and friends. Community service, volunteer work and certain extracurricular activities or memberships of organisations by applicant should be considered.
- 5 **Passion for learning:** Applicant should demonstrate a desire to learn and continue learning.
- 6 **Good standing:** Applicant should be in good standing at their university.

Financial Need and Work Ethic

How would a GO Scholarship or additional financial support make a difference to you? Please describe any financial challenges you might face.

What career do you want to pursue? Why?

Why do you think education is important?

What are your dreams? What are you doing to achieve them?

What are two things you are proud of?



Cultural Identity

Why is your Indigenous culture important to you? What does it mean to you?

How do you engage with your culture? Please list any involvement you have in your community, both currently and/or previously.

Desire to give back to the community

How do you give back? (For example, looking after younger siblings, helping at home, mentoring other students, working part-time to support your family, mowing the lawn – in general, caring about other people)

Other

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? For example, What motivates you? How have you shown resilience? What are you passionate about? What have you had to endure? What makes you unique?

Is there anything that would limit your success as a GO scholar? Eg. substance abuse, behavioural issues, low attendance rates, poor academic standing?

REFERENCES

To finalise your application, you will need two references. A reference is a written statement by someone who is willing to speak on your behalf to tell us why you should receive a GO-PEF Scholarship. We ask you to nominate two people who will tell us how great you are:

- A community reference
- An education reference

We may also follow up and also contact them over the phone.

Note: Make sure that you have asked these people to be your referee, and are confident they will endorse you positively for a GO Scholarship.

Community Reference

Please nominate a person who has known you for at least 12 months. This person CANNOT be a member of your family or a relative. Your referee should be someone who can tell us how wonderful you are and confirm that you will make the most of your scholarship. **We are NOT looking for someone to confirm your Aboriginality.** We are looking for someone who will tell us you are great!

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Relationship to you (How do they know you?): _____

Email: _____

Work phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Years you've known this person: _____

Please ask your referee to write a paragraph of support for you and why they think you would be an excellent GO Scholar?

Education Reference

Your education/uni referee must work at your uni/tertiary education provider or if you are a first year student, have taught you recently in high school. It should be a staff member who knows you well. Their email address must be an official work email address.

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Relationship to you (How do they know you?): _____

Email: _____

Work phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Years you've known the applicant: _____

Please write a paragraph of support for the student and why you think they would be an excellent GO Scholar?

Declaration

I, _____ (student name)

am applying for a GO Scholarship at _____ (name of university).

I have read and acknowledge the terms of the Privacy Statement set out at the end of this Application Form. In the event that a GO scholarship is awarded on the basis of this application form and any subsequent interviews and enquiries, I agree to the following:

1. I will:
 - a. participate to the best of my ability at university and will work hard at learning and making the most of academic and other opportunities the university and GO offers me;
 - b. work with the CareerTrackers Student Advisor that GO provides me to discuss and create internship opportunities;
 - c. use best endeavours to attend GO Mentoring and other events. I understand that not attending these events may put my scholarship at risk; and
 - d. maintain regular contact with GO and keep my contact details current.
2. for the GO Foundation to receive copies of my academic transcripts or similar information relating to my academic and extra-curricular activities at university;
3. for the GO Foundation to provide any and all of the above information (including contact details) to CareerTrackers as part of their activities with the GO Ecosystem and in connection with their activities with GO students;
4. for the university at which the GO Scholarship is provided, to be authorised to sign any other consents or undertakings on my behalf in relation to activities or events I may participate in; and
5. subject to any applicable terms of the Privacy Statement below or GO's Privacy Policy, the GO Foundation disclosing/publishing information relating to me, including any photos or video footage of me at GO activities or events, at the university or in relation to the GO Scholarship. This consent extends to the use of such information, photos and video by GO Ecosystem partners.

Please sign below to show your acknowledgement and agreement with of the terms above.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Date:

Privacy Statement:

The GO Foundation collects personal information about applicants (including information about an applicant's ethnic origin) in order to assess scholarship applications and for purposes otherwise set out in our privacy policy at www.gofoundation.org.au/privacy/.

The information you provide will be collected by or on behalf of us and may be disclosed to third parties that help us deliver our services (including our business partners) or as required by law. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to assess your scholarship application or provide all our services to you. Any personal information published on the GO Foundation's website (for example, information regarding scholarship recipients and their stories) may include disclosure to recipients who access our website in countries outside Australia. We may also disclose information to third party service providers who are based overseas.

Our privacy policy explains how we will collect, use, store and disclose your personal information, the consequences for you if we do not collect this information, and the way in which you can access and seek correction of your personal information or complain about a breach of the Privacy Act. To obtain further information, you can contact us at info@gofoundation.org.au. By providing your personal information to us, you consent to the collection, use, storage and disclosure of that information as described in the GO Foundation's privacy policy and this collection notice.