GOAL College | The University of Sydney Indigenous Scholarship 2027

GOAL College is proud to collaborate with The University of Sydney (USYD) to offer ***The University of Sydney Indigenous Scholarship*** ("the USYD Indigenous Scholarship") to new Year 11 students joining GOAL College in 2027.

The USYD Indigenous Scholarship provides financial assistance to Indigenous students who are eager to complete their HSC at the College, and to explore the opportunities and posts-school pathways that The University and The Gadigal Centre have to offer.

These scholarships are fully-funded by The University and cover 100% of Year 11 tuition fees. They are valued at between $6,100 to 6,800, depending on the student's chosen HSC pathway.

There is no requirement for students to continue their education at The University after completing Year 12, although those who wish to do so will be supported by both College and University staff to explore the options available to them.

ELIGIBILITY

The USYD Indigenous Scholarship supports First Nations students who are of Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander background and are enrolling to begin Year 11 in 2027.

Students from other backgrounds who are in need of financial support are encouraged to investigate the College's Kickstart Award or means-tested fee assistance.

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Successful scholarship recipients will be young people who:

- Aspire to complete Year 12.
- Are eager to engage with the programs and opportunities that The University and The Gadigal Centre can provide to Indigenous students at GOAL College.
- Are open to new learning experiences and willing to step outside their comfort zone.

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Applicants **do not** need to be straight-A students or elite athletes. Applicants from all backgrounds, including students with learning, personal or other family difficulties are encouraged to apply.

OUR VALUES

Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to the College's values, the **TRIPLE Goals,** throughout their application.

TENACITY		***RESILIENCE***
INTEGRITY		***PROFESSIONALISM***
LEADERSHIP		***EMPATHY***

You can read more about the College values and the TRIPLE Goals on our website.

VALUE & INCLUSIONS

The USYD Indigenous Scholarship contributes towards a student's total tuition to a value of either $6,100 or $6,800 per year, depending on the student's chosen HSC pathway. The Scholarship currently covers all tuition payable for Year 11.

Included in a student's Year 11 tuition are all mandatory excursions, textbooks, initial uniform kit issue, laptop and coaching qualifications. Please refer to our Fee Policy for a full list of inclusions.

SUBMISSION DATES

	Date
Submission deadline	31 Oct 2026
Shortlisted candidates contacted by	4 Nov 2026
Interviews of shortlisted candidates	9 Nov – 13 Nov 2026
Decision notification by	17 Nov 2026

All shortlisted applicants will attend a 15-minute interview with a small selection panel consisting of senior College staff and at least one representative from The University.

Unfortunately, we are not able to consider applications received after the submission deadline.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The number of scholarships available in a given year is limited.
- The outcome of this application is at the sole discretion of the College.
- The College has processes and procedures in place to protect applicants' personal information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure.

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A. STUDENT DETAILS

☐ I have already submitted an application to enrol at GOAL College (required)

Student Name	
Sport	☐ AFL ☐ Netball ☐ Basketball ☐ Rugby League ☐ Cricket ☐ Rugby Union ☐ Football / Soccer ☐ Touch Footy ☐ Hockey ☐ Volleyball
HSC Pathway (choose one)	☐ Non-ATAR ☐ Non-ATAR Trade Pathway ☐ Non-ATAR Distance Education ☐ ATAR
Date of Birth	
Home Address	
Parent Mobile	
Parent Email	

Is the student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

☐ Yes, Aboriginal
☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
☐ No -> You are not eligible to apply for this scholarship

Which mob are you from (if known)? _____

Is the student living independently from his or her parents?

☐ No
☐ Yes

Is this a separated family?

☐ No
☐ Yes

Please indicate if you are currently receiving ABSTUDY. This will help us advise you of any extra support that may become available via other external agencies.

☐ Yes, I am receiving ABSTUDY
☐ No, I am not receiving ABSTUDY

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B. PARENT / CARER EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

	Parent / Carer 1	Parent / Carer 2 (if applicable)
Job Title (if working)		
Employer Name (if working)		
Occupation Group (tick one)	☐ Elected officials, senior execs / managers, management in a large business organisation, high-level government administration and defence, and qualified professionals ☐ Other business managers/professionals and associate professionals ☐ Tradespeople and intermediate to advanced clerical, office, sales, service staff, and professional carers ☐ Machine operators, sales, office, service, retail, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers ☐ Not in paid work in the last 12 months	☐ Elected officials, senior execs / managers, management in a large business organisation, high-level government administration and defence, and qualified professionals ☐ Other business managers/professionals and associate professionals ☐ Tradespeople and intermediate to advanced clerical, office, sales, service staff, and professional carers ☐ Machine operators, sales, office, service, retail, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers ☐ Not in paid work in the last 12 months
Highest Year of School Completed (tick one)	☐ Year 9 or below ☐ Year 11 ☐ Year 10 ☐ Year 12	☐ Year 9 or below ☐ Year 11 ☐ Year 10 ☐ Year 12
Highest Post-School Qualification (circle one)	☐ No non-school qualification ☐ Certificate I to IV ☐ Advanced diploma / diploma ☐ Bachelor's degree or above	☐ No non-school qualification ☐ Certificate I to IV ☐ Advanced diploma / diploma ☐ Bachelor's degree or above

C. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Please provide details of everyone living in your household.

First Name	Last Name	Relationship to You	Age or Date of Birth

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E.1 ABOUT YOU - *FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE*

Tell us what excites you most about the idea of being part of this scholarship program and connecting with The University of Sydney's Gadigal Centre?

You may complete your response on a separate sheet of paper if you prefer. Responses for this section should **not** be more than one page. We are looking for thoughtful responses, not essays.

E.2 ABOUT YOU - *FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE*

How do you connect with your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage, and what does this connection mean to you? There are many ways to connect to culture – through family, community, art, stories, language, your local area, or learning. We welcome you to share what is meaningful to you.

You may complete your response on a separate sheet of paper if you prefer. Responses for this section should not be longer than one page. We are looking for thoughtful responses, not essays.

E.3 ABOUT YOU - *FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE*

Tell us about a time you tried something new or stepped outside your comfort zone. What was that experience like for you?

You may complete your response on a separate sheet of paper if you prefer. Responses for this section should not be longer than one page. We are looking for thoughtful responses, not essays.

G. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please attach the following documents to support your application. **Your application cannot be assessed without these documents.**

☐ Copies of your two most recent academic reports
☐ Two written references from people who will support your application. These people should not be related to you.

I. IMPORTANT NOTE - UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

It is important to note that the number of USYD Indigenous Scholarships available each year is limited. The College is a not-for-profit, and is unable to offer additional scholarships to unsuccessful applicants.

However, the College has a genuine desire to help families afford a quality education for their children and offers fee assistance to families who have a demonstrated financial need.

If your application is unsuccessful and you will require financial assistance to pay your school fees, please tick the box below and the Finance Team will contact you to discuss alternatives to ensure your child can still enrol.

☐ I would like to explore alternatives for fee assistance if my application is unsuccessful.

J. APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT

☐ I / We certify that the information provided in this document is true and correct and that nothing has been omitted that could lead the College to make an incorrect assessment. We agree to notify the College of any significant changes in our circumstances that may affect our application or ongoing eligibility for any scholarship granted.

☐ I / We understand that active and meaningful engagement with the College's programs and the opportunities provided by The University of Sydney is fundamental to the scholarship. We commit to supporting the applicant in making the most of these opportunities.

☐ I / We acknowledge that scholarship recipients represent both the College and The University and will be held to the College's high standards of behaviour. It is also acknowledged that repeated failure to adhere to the behavioural standards in the College's Student Code of Conduct may lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship.

☐ I / We acknowledge that scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in media and publicity activities to share their experiences and help promote the scholarship and the College's partnership with The University of Sydney. This could include brief interviews and photos to contribute to newspaper articles. We will always seek consent before any participation and ensure students are fully supported and comfortable in these settings.

☐ I / We agree to cooperate with GOAL College and the University of Sydney in providing feedback and testimonials about the scholarship experience, as reasonably requested.

☐ I / We acknowledge that the information provided in this scholarship application, and all related correspondence, will be treated with confidentiality and used solely for the purpose of assessing this application and administering the scholarship in partnership with The University of Sydney.

☐ I / We consent to GOAL College collecting and using relevant de-identified data related to the student's progress and engagement for the purpose of evaluating and improving the Scholarship program, and for reporting its impact to The University of Sydney and relevant stakeholders. No individually identifiable information will be shared without further explicit consent.

☐ I / We agree to the terms regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of my personal information contained in the **College's Privacy Policy**.

	Student	Parent / Carer
Name		
Signature		
Date		

Please print, sign and return this completed form and all supporting documentation to the GOAL College Finance Team at finance@goalcollege.nsw.edu.au.

We do not require hard copies, but if you would prefer to mail your application and supporting documents, please send them to: GOAL College, PO Box 529, Broadway, NSW 2007