



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**.

Although Australia is a land of abundant wealth, many Indigenous Australians face a lack of **opportunity** and access. The GO Foundation provides scholarships to Indigenous students from kindergarten through to university, in public and independent schools, to students who live with family, in community and on country. 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**. Scholarship funds cover educational needs, including laptops, wi-fi access at home, sporting equipment, musical instruments, excursions and school trips, and food at the canteen.

In addition, our partners, including CareerTrackers and AIME, work with us to broaden our students’ perspectives and provide access to many **opportunities** including cultural mentoring, homework support, leadership training, STEM training, exposure to a broad range of career options, work experience and paid internships. **Once a GO student, Always a GO student** – this mentoring and support continues long after the financial scholarship has ended.

At the heart of the GO Ecosystem is a burning desire to strengthen our students’ cultural identity - to connect them in a meaningful way to their history, **culture** and heritage. By sharing our students’ 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 a number of criteria:

- 1 **Financial need**
- 2 **Work ethic and aspiration**
- 3 **Cultural identity**
- 4 **Desire to give back to the community**
- 5 **Passion for learning**
- 6 **Rate of attendance at school**

THE APPLICATION GIVES US THE INFORMATION TO ASSESS THESE CRITERIA.

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



High School Scholarship Application Form

Your application must have the following sections completed and attached:

Student & Parent/Guardian Information

Student Questions

Parent/Guardian Endorsement

Principal Endorsement

Student Signed Declaration

Parent/Guardian Signed Declaration

Attachments:

School Report

NAPLAN results

Applications that do not contain all the relevant parts will not be considered.

Please ensure that you have attached all the required parts.

Please provide as much detail as you can. This is your chance to tell GO why you should receive an interview and why you should receive a scholarship. Our scholarships are competitive and the best applications are the ones that provide detailed, well-thought out answers.

Student 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

Current T-Shirt Size: _____

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

Allergies: _____

Current School: _____

The year you expect to finish Year 12: _____

What level of education do you wish to achieve (circle one): Year 12 University

Apprenticeship/Trainee/VET 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? _____

Please list your siblings and ages:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

At which school are you applying for a scholarship: _____

Do you have other siblings/family enrolled at the school? (Provide names/years)

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

Which communities do you identify with? _____

Please list the languages spoken at home: _____

Do you identify with being part of any traditional owner groups? _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Information (this will be the primary Parent/Guardian contact)

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Are you (circle one if applicable): ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BOTH

What is your home community? _____

Highest education qualification/grade completed: _____

Current job (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Information (optional)

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Are you (circle one if applicable): ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BOTH

What is your home community? _____

Highest education qualification/grade completed: _____

Current job (if applicable): _____

Emergency Contact Details

In an emergency, who should we contact:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Parent/Guardian 2:

Alternative contact (Please fill out details below):

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Parent/Guardian Endorsement (This section must be answered)

Option 1: Write answers to the 3 questions below

Option 2: Take a video of your Parent/Guardian answering the 2 questions below on a mobile phone, upload to [YouTube](#) (privacy setting 'unlisted') or [Vimeo](#) (making it password-protected) and complete the following:

The link to the video is: _____

The password is: _____

Parent/Guardian Questions:

What will the GO Scholarship mean for your child and your family?

What hopes do you have for your child's future?

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 **Rate of attendance at school:** Applicant should have at least a reasonable rate of attendance at school. Note that GO Foundation scholars with low rates of attendance might potentially have their scholarship revoked. However, the GO Foundation may also look at any reasons for low attendance in assessing a student's application.

Financial Need

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

Please list the primary schools and high schools you have attended.

Have you had any out of home care? Please provide a short description.

If you are applying for a public school scholarship, how would you use your scholarship? E.g., purchase of laptop, uniform, meals from the school canteen, Wi-Fi at home, excursions, school supplies. If you need a laptop and wi-fi at home, please ensure you tick the correct boxes below.

Work Ethic and Aspiration

Please list any activities (sport, academic or other) that you take part in (either at school or outside school).

Is there anything you like about school (including favourite subjects)? Why?

Is there anything you don't you like about school? Why?

Do you think it is important to finish high school? What do you want to do after you complete high school?

What are your life goals and what do you dream about achieving for yourself?

Tell us about something that you have worked hard towards or are currently working towards.

Cultural Identity

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

Please list any involvement you have in your community, both at or outside school.

List 2 things you are proud of.

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?

Has anyone helped you fill out this form? Please provide their name and how they are related to you.

Principal Endorsement (This section may be provided by email or electronically, and sent in with the student application)

First name: _____ Surname: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

Email: _____

Work phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Years you've known the applicant: _____ Years student has been at the school: _____

Do you support this student's application for a GO scholarship? Please circle one. YES NO

Please provide a supporting paragraph including reference to any challenges the student faces.

Student and Parent/Guardian Declaration

I, _____ (student name)

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

I, _____ (name of primary Parent/Guardian)

confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (name of student) who is applying for a GO Scholarship.

We 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, we agree to the following:

1. the **student** will:

- a. participate to the best of their ability at school and will work hard at learning and making the most of academic and other opportunities the school offers them;
 - b. use best endeavours to attend AIME weekly and any holiday sessions offered by AIME;
 - c. work with the CareerTrackers Student Advisor that GO provides them in Year 12 to discuss their university options after Year 12;
 - d. in the event that they wish to pursue a different education path after Year 12, work with the GO Student Advisor to discuss options available;
 - e. advise the GO Foundation after their Year 12 exam results are released as to what they have chosen to do in terms of work and education;
 - f. use best endeavours to attend GO Mentoring and other events. We understand that not attending these events may put my scholarship at risk.
 - g. maintain regular contact with GO and keep my contact details current;
2. for the GO Foundation to receive copies of our child's school reports, NAPLAN results and other similar information relating to their academic and extra-curricular activities from the school;
 3. for the GO Foundation to provide any and all of the above information (including contact details) to AIME or CareerTrackers as part of their activities with the GO Ecosystem and in connection with their activities with GO students;
 4. for the school 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 my child/the student 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 my child/the student, including any photos

or video footage of my child/student at GO activities or events, at the school or in relation to the GO Scholarship. This consent extends to the use of such information, photos and video by GO Ecosystem partners.

If you need a laptop, please tick this box:

6. I require part of my scholarship funding to be allocated toward the purchase of a laptop. I understand that the GO Foundation will source this for me and take the funds out of my scholarship funding. I understand that my laptop will be delivered to me directly through the school. (Note: Although laptop prices change year to year and the GO Foundation cannot guarantee prices ahead of time, by way of guidance, GO students in 2018 paid \$263 per laptop.)

If you need subsidised wi-fi at home, please tick this box:

7. We request part of the scholarship funding to be allocated toward the purchase of an unlimited wi-fi plan for the student's home use. We understand that the GO Foundation will source this and take the funds out of the scholarship funding. We understand that the GO Foundation will provide contact details of the student and/or the parent or legal guardian to Southern Telecom, and we consent to such personal information being disclosed for this purpose. We understand that the details of the wi-fi plan and how to connect will be provided to us and it will be up to us to contact Southern Telecom in the event of any issues. (Note: The GO Foundation will provide the wi-fi plan through Southern Telecom and will deduct \$650 from the scholarship funding per year.)

We understand that if we wish to cancel the wi-fi plan, we will need to provide two months' notice, in writing, to the GO Foundation.

We acknowledge and agree that by ticking this box and using the wi-fi plan, Southern Telecom may notify us of policies, procedures and standards that need to be followed when using the wi-fi service, and we agree to comply with these requirements. Any failure to comply with the policies, procedures and standards may result in a suspension or cancellation of the wi-fi plan.

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

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Date:

Please attach the most recent:

1. School Report and

2. NAPLAN results

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.