

Alma Stackhouse Scholarship

2026 Guidelines

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1 In Memoriam

Mrs Alma Lily Stackhouse (nee Mansell) was born on Flinders Island in 1934. Her parents were from nearby Cape Barren Island. She was a proud descendent of the 'Beetons of Badger Island', an even smaller island in the Furneaux Group.

Aunty Alma was one of Tasmania's most respected Aboriginal Elders. She was a founding member of the Flinders Island Community Association in 1973, and an inaugural member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee, the Reconciliation Council, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Tasmanian Regional Council, the Aboriginal Elders' Council of Tasmania, as well as a member of the Country Women's Association and many other committees and groups. Aunty Alma established a lifetime of commitment to a community she proudly referred to as 'my people'.

In 1989, Aunty Alma was named Tasmania's Aborigine of the Year and awarded the Order of Australia in recognition of her contribution to her Community's development. During 2004 and 2005, the year of her death, Aunty Alma worked as Elder in Residence at the University of Tasmania. Here, she chronicled her long contribution to Aboriginal education and developed a firm commitment to the importance of higher education for her Community.

2 Goals of the Scholarship

- The Alma Lily Stackhouse Scholarship was launched in 2008 and honours her commitment to the value of higher education for young Aboriginal people by providing a scholarship for two years to support an Aboriginal student from a remote or rural area to access and complete senior secondary study. The goal of the scholarship is to help students in their studies towards receiving the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and ATAR to enter University or other tertiary-level study. Funds received should be used to cover costs directly associated with gaining the TCE/ATAR, including but not restricted to materials, equipment, travel, and other costs of living whilst enrolled in Years 11 and 12.

3 Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- identify as an Aboriginal student
- be enrolled at a Department *for* Education, Children and Young People School
- meet the requirements under State Government's Policy on the Eligibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specific Programs and Services delivered by the Tasmanian Government [Department of Premier and Cabinet \(dpac.tas.gov.au\)](http://dpac.tas.gov.au)
- live in a remote or rural part of Tasmania ('rural and remote' are distances greater than 56km from a school that offers relevant courses)
- intend to enrol or already be enrolled in Year 11 or 12 at a Department *for* Education, Children and Young People school or college

- select a career pathway that will lead to receiving a degree or other tertiary-level qualification from a recognised institution.

4 Payment of the Scholarship

- One scholarship will be awarded every two years
- An amount of \$3,000.00 will be paid annually for a maximum of two years to the recipient. This will be paid as an amount of \$750.00 each term on receipt of a satisfactory progress report in learning outcomes and attendance.
- Payment of the second year's amount will be approved on receipt of a satisfactory progress report in learning outcomes and attendance at the end of the first year of the scholarship.

5 Selection of the Applicant

Selection of successful applicants will be made by a committee comprising of a representative of Aboriginal Education Services, Department *for* Education, Children and Young People and a representative of Alma Stackhouse's family and any other member(s) that the committee deem appropriate.

6 Selection Criteria

The committee will consider applicants according to the following selection criteria:

- A demonstrated capacity to succeed at school
- An aspiration to attain tertiary-level qualifications for the purpose of a post-graduate degree or employment
- Potential as a role model for other young Aboriginal people.

Please note: Applications should also provide evidence attesting to the student's aspirations and capacity to succeed. Applications must include a statement of support from a teacher or principal of the school they are enrolled at.

7 Consent

A student can provide consent if he/she is over 16 years of age otherwise the consent of a parent or recognised carer is required.

8 Administration of the Scholarship

The Scholarship will be administered by Aboriginal Education Services, Department *for* Education, Children and Young People.

9 Applications

Applications must be received by Friday 14 November 2025, via the [online form](#).
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