



University of  
South Australia



## GO Foundation Story

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

GO 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**. GO and the University of South Australia have been collaborating since 2017 to improve tertiary education attainment for Aboriginal people.

Although Australia is a land of abundant wealth, many Indigenous Australians face a lack of **opportunity** and access. GO provides scholarships to Indigenous students from kindergarten through to university. The *GO Foundation Aboriginal Scholarship* aims to make the journey of learning at the University of South Australia as rich and rewarding as possible.

As well as Scholarship funds helping to support educational needs, a *GO Foundation Aboriginal Scholarship* is an entry point to the GO Ecosystem, a model of collaborative impact where our partners work with the GO Foundation to provide GO scholars with a broad range of **opportunities**.

In addition, GO partners, including CareerTrackers, work to broaden students’ perspectives and provide access to many **opportunities** including cultural mentoring, online tutor 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.

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The *GO Foundation Aboriginal Scholarship* is awarded 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 **Good Standing at an academic facility**

THIS APPLICATION FORM 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.



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## GO Foundation Aboriginal Scholarship Application Form

### Student Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Doctorate

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What career do you want to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest education qualification/grade completed for parents: \_\_\_\_\_

## **STUDENT QUESTIONS**

The selection panel will use the criteria below to assess applications for the scholarship. The panel retains the discretion not to give each criterion equal weighting.

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

- 1      **Financial need:** the scholarship is not means tested, but applicants who demonstrate financial need are more likely to be awarded a scholarship. The panel 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 academic standing at their university.

**Your responses may be typed in a separate document but must address each section as outlined below.**

### **Financial Need**

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

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**Aspiration and work ethic**

What career do you want to pursue? Why?

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Why do you think education is important?

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**Cultural Identity**

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

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

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List 2 things you are proud of.

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**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)

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**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?

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## **Community Endorsement**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

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 scholarship recipient?

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## **Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

am applying for a GO Foundation Aboriginal Scholarship at the University of South Australia.

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 of South Australia 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; and
  - d. maintain regular contact with GO and keep my contact details current.
2. for GO to receive information relating to my academic progression at UniSA;
3. for GO to provide information (including contact details) to CareerTrackers as part of their activities with the GO Ecosystem and in connection with their activities with GO students;

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

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**Student Signature:**

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**Date:**

**Please attach the most recent University transcript from the most recent academic semester**