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Applications Open for Educational Scholarships

The Chairperson of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, Bev Manton, today formally opened the application process for the 2010 round of the prestigious, self-funded NSWALC Education Endowment Fund.

“This is our Education Revolution and its working,” said Chairperson Manton.

“These scholarships can really make a difference. They are generous and cover criteria not generally covered by any other educational scholarship programs.

“There can be few more rewarding ventures than furthering the educational opportunities of Aboriginal people in New South Wales.”

The scholarships open to all Aboriginal people in New South Wales, cover six broad areas including those students in primary and secondary education, students in boarding schools, tertiary students, or those undertaking TAFE and vocational courses.

Ms Manton said that NSWALC’s Education Endowment Fund is designed to provide education and employment pathways for Aboriginal people in New South Wales.”

“The financial support for these applicants will aim to attract younger members of our Local Aboriginal Land Councils as well as encouraging young leaders to become more involved in Aboriginal affairs generally.”

Launched in 2007, the scholarships have provided financial assistance to some 250 recipients across the State.

“The criteria in each category are specific and extensive and I urge everyone to ensure they read the selection criteria against each category before lodging an application.

“This year the Land Council is hoping for an even higher number of applicants,” said Chairperson Manton.

“As an elected representative of my people I am very proud of this educational revolution initiative.

“Education is the key in mobilizing and inspiring our young people to take charge of their lives and reach their full potential. In fact, when young people have the support and self belief gained through access to education it seems that they can overcome any challenge in life.

“NSWALC is determined to ensure that our students are equipped with the tools they need for the workforce of today and tomorrow.

“The scholarships will provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of uniforms, text books, educational excursions (except sport excursions), tutorial assistance, laptops and software, internet access and fees for Boarding school, TAFE, primary and High school.

“Funding for each category is capped.

Applications for scholarships close on Friday, February 26, 2010

Further details on the selection criteria and scholarship application forms are available by contacting Marlene McFarlane, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) on Telephone 02 99299633.

Scholarship Application forms are also available on NSWALC’s website - www.alc.org.au.

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