



Barcoo Shire Council Bursary Program 2020 – General Information

The Bursary program is an initiative of the Barcoo Shire Council. It provides an exciting opportunity for residents within the Barcoo Shire to undertake training or study, which may have previously seemed unattainable. The program is about enhancing opportunities for residents and ultimately improving the quality of life for all in the Queensland Outback.

This program promotes the potential of our shire residents, by giving them a unique opportunity to further their education and skills. The program is open to residents of all ages and may be used for study or training in any chosen field.

To be eligible for this Bursary Program you must be:

- A resident of the Barcoo Shire
- Not be a past recipient of a Barcoo Shire Bursary
- Apply as an individual (in exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to joint applications).
- A current employee and a course of study as professional development is Category 3 under the old Local Government Industry (Stream A) Award – State 2017, or at Council's discretion.

Applications for a bursary will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Potential of the applicant's training or study to benefit the Shire and / or regional community.
- Personal ability of the applicant to complete the training or study and excel in their chosen field.
- Likelihood of the applicant being able to complete the training or study without Barcoo Shire Bursary assistance.

Each applicant needs to specify the length of the course when applying for the Bursary.

Recipients need to notify Council in writing of any changes which may occur during the course (eg deferments of study including the reasons and all associated authorised documentation).

Payment will be authorised and paid each semester upon production of satisfactory results.

Council will also require the report of the recipient's achievements and a graduation photograph ON completion.

The Application closing date is **6th January 2020**. Applications received after this date will not be eligible.



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Application Guideline

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the bursary cover the course I will be undertaking ?

- A bursary of \$3,000 per year for a Tertiary qualification may be awarded.
- A bursary of \$2,000 per year for a Trade qualification may be awarded.
- Bursary will be limited to **one** degree only.
- The total value is to be spread over the duration of the course – up to 5 years.
- The value of the Bursary will be reviewed annually and provided for within the annual budget and the recipients are to be advised. Bursaries will be evaluated and awarded at the discretion of Council within the set budget limits.

If I have applied and have been offered the bursary for a 4-year course, but for some reason I have to defer my study in the third year, what should I do ?

- You need to notify the Council in writing of any changes during the course. For example, as soon as your decision of deferring the course has been approved by the educational institution, a letter of this decision should be sent to the Council, indicating the date when you will defer your study and the reason why you have decided to do so. This will help the Council effectively plan the allocation of the bursary for all the recipients during that particular year and the following years as well.

How do I claim for the bursary I have been granted by Council ?

- Payment will be authorised and paid each semester upon production of satisfactory results

What do I need to do when I have completed my course ?

- Congratulations on your successful completion. The Council would request the report of your academic achievements and your photo of graduation to be sent to the Council office.