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Guidance for applicants

CPA Australia offers up to five scholarships annually for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The scholarship will assist recipients to meet the educational requirements needed to attain CPA status. Scholarship recipients will be exempt from all CPA Program professional level segment fees and from the first year's membership fees as an Associate (ASA).

The scholarships will be awarded each January and July to the best-qualified applicants based on their tertiary academic results.

Scholarships are effective from the date awarded and will be tenable for five years, subject to satisfactory progress by the recipient towards the completion of CPA Program professional level.

The scholarship does not require the recipient to render any service to the donor.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must provide evidence that they have been recognised as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Applicants must be eligible to join CPA Australia as an ASA and enrol in CPA Program professional level. To enrol in CPA Program professional level applicants must hold as a minimum an Australian bachelor's degree that is accredited by CPA Australia or an overseas bachelor's degree that CPA Australia has assessed as being comparable to an Australian bachelor's degree.

Applicants may need to complete additional accredited units to meet ASA membership requirements.

Applicants can apply to join CPA Australia before their university results are finalised. A list of accredited courses can be found at cpacareers.com.au/searchcourses

Application procedure

Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application package will be considered.

Applicants must submit:

- evidence of recognition as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- a brief curriculum vitae

- a certified copy of their accredited bachelor degree that shows the degree awarded, the name of the tertiary institution and the year the degree was awarded
- a certified, itemised copy of their academic transcript showing subjects passed and grades awarded, and the years in which they passed
- a written reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation
- a one-page statement detailing their planned professional career and the reasons for wanting to be a CPA Australia member

Two copies of the completed application form must be sent to CPA Australia. One copy must be emailed to scholarships@cpaustralia.com.au and another copy, with signatures and supporting documentation, must be mailed to:

Accreditation and research coordinator
CPA Australia
GPO box 2820
Melbourne
Victoria, 3001

Applications must be received by 31 May for scholarships beginning in semester two and by 31 October for scholarships beginning in semester one.

Selection process and committee

Scholarships will be awarded by the selection committee solely based on the applications received. Decisions of the selection committee will be final.

No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning any aspect of the award. The committee is not obliged to award any scholarships.

Award recipients will be announced in CPA Australia's INTHEBLACK magazine. If you do not want your name published advise the accreditation and research coordinator.

The chairperson of the selection committee will submit a brief report each year to the CPA Australia Board of Directors.

Application form

Personal details

Last name:	First name:
Address:	
Home phone:	Mobile:
Email:	
CPA Australia membership number:	

Qualification

Degree title:	
Name of tertiary institution:	Year degree awarded:

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation referees

Organisation name:	
Organisation address:	
Referee's name:	
Position:	Phone number:

Application checklist

Selection documentation	Yes	No
Have you provided evidence you have been recognised as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?		
Have you provided a brief curriculum vitae?		
Are you eligible to join CPA Australia as an ASA and enrol in CPA Program professional level?		
Have you provided a certified copy of your accredited bachelor degree?		
Have you provided a certified copy of your accredited academic transcript?		
Have you provided a written reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation?		
Have you provided a statement detailing your planned professional career and reasons why you want to be a CPA Australia member?		

Further information

All enquiries should be emailed to scholarships@cpaaustralia.com.au

