***Applications open for Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships – the scholarship program changing lives of young Australian women***

* ***Applications for Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships are open from 22 July 2019 to 31 August 2019***
* ***Harding Miller Education Foundation providing high achieving young Australian women experiencing hardship with tools, resources and support to help them reach their full potential***
* ***Since its launch in 2015 Harding Miller Education Foundation has supported over 350 scholarship recipients from 130 public schools across Australia***

**FOR MONDAY 22 JUILY 2020:** Applications are now open for the next round of Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships which are changing the lives of hundreds of young Australian women.

Worth over $20,000 each, the scholarships are available to girls entering Year 9 in 2020 at Australian Public Schools who are experiencing personal or socioeconomic disadvantage.

“Opportunity to continue schooling to Year 12 can be the key to a lifetime of learning for girls,” says NAME, POSITION Harding Miller Education Foundation.

“But for some girls, the chance to continue their schooling may not be an option due to family disadvantage and the pressure of financial expectations.”

“Year 9 through the year 12 is such a critical time and at Harding Miller Education Foundation we are dedicated to enabling young women facing hardship with the tools, mentoring and financial support they need to reach their full educational potential,” adds NAME.

Recipients of Harding Miller Education Foundation scholarships receive new laptops, high speed internet, face-to-face and online tutoring, subject and career guidance, mentoring and financial support to help cover the costs of uniforms, books and school expenses.

Since 2016, the Foundation has supported over 350 girls from more than 130 public schools within Australia.

“We have seen first-hand the impact these scholarships have had on the girls. They have confidence and a vision for the future, knowing they can achieve at their highest potential,” adds NAME.

Scholarships are provided as a toolkit that students can use to support their pursuit of academic excellence. Successful applicants initially receive 2 years’ support with:

* High quality laptop and help desk support
* 4G mobile broadband including 6GB internet per month
* $2,000 of ‘face-to-face’ tutoring per year
* Subscription to an online study help provider
* $600 gift card for school expenses per year
* Mentoring from a personal coach

Applications for scholarships for 2020 open from 22 July 2019 to 31 August 2019.

Applicants require a recommendation from their School Principal and need to demonstrate high academic potential and motivation to achieve academically and professionally, including an intention to carry on to tertiary education.

For more information and to apply for a scholarship visit <https://www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

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**About the Harding Miller Foundation**

Kim Harding and Irene Miller established the Harding Miller Education Foundation in 2015. Both Kim and Irene have been long term champions of the education of young Australian women and of public education.

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program provides the tools and support to lift the educational achievements and career aspirations of girls with high academic potential who are facing hardship. The value of the 4- year support is up to $20,000 and includes new laptops, high speed internet, face-to-face and online tutoring, subject and career guidance, mentoring and financial support to help cover the costs of uniforms, books and school expenses.