

THE HARDING MILLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program is for **year 8 girls** attending **Australian Public Schools** who demonstrate **Academic Excellence**, **face financial barriers**, and are **highly motivated to succeed** at school and pursue tertiary education.

The scholarship provides a range of tools and practical support to lift the educational and career aspirations of the girl. New scholarships are valued at approximately \$20,000 over the course of four years.

Scholarships are provided as a 'toolkit' that students can use to support their pursuit of academic excellence. Successful applicants for 2026 will receive the following support:

- High-quality laptop and help desk support
- 4G mobile broadband including 20GB internet per month
- Personal one-to-one (face-to-face or online) tutoring
- Subscription to an online study help provider
- \$700.00 pre-paid card for school expenses per year
- Mentoring from a personal volunteer coach
- Access to a range of other study skills and career enrichment resources

A condition of the scholarship is that successful applicants must actively participate in the program and make use of the tools and resources provided. They must adhere to guidelines when meeting with their dedicated coach.

Each year, students will be required to provide to the Harding Miller Education Foundation feedback and also evidence of their successful progress through their study by completing an online survey and uploading their most recent school reports. If an applicant fails to submit their annual survey, the Harding Miller Education Foundation reserves the right to terminate the scholarship.

Students must read the scholarship Terms and Conditions before applying for the scholarship.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Female student entering Year 9 in 2026
 - Enrolled and attending an Australian government/public school
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SELECTION CRITERIA

There are 3 selection criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated Academic Excellence:** Consistently achieving **outstanding** or **high** academic results across Maths, Science and English, along with **NAPLAN** results in the **Exceeding** or **Strong** bands. Scholars also do well in all other subjects.
 - 2. Financial Barriers:** This scholarship is specifically designed to support girls from low-income households or those experiencing significant financial barriers for accessing education. Our aim is to support girls who, owing to their family's economic circumstances, find it challenging to pursue their academic ambitions.
 - 3. Highly motivated to succeed at school and pursue tertiary education:** This means, but is not limited to:
 - the intention to go to university or other tertiary education
 - excellent attendance at school
 - contribution to the school community
 - active in school and / or community life
 - leadership in school or extracurricular activities
 - self-starting and motivated
 - desire to succeed in future life
 - a positive attitude to education
 - a real desire to learn
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SELECTION PROCESS

A set of judging panels will review all eligible scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The judging panels will include representatives from the Harding Miller Education Foundation, Departments of Education and other educational institutions, and independent panel members. After considering all eligible applications, the judges will provide their recommendations to the Harding Miller Education Foundation moderation committee for their consideration and approval, subject to available funding.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email. Principals and parents/guardians will also be notified of the outcome of each application.

PRIOR TO YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE COMPILE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READY TO SUBMIT:

- Applicants' details including:
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ Date of birth
 - ✓ Primary phone number (home or mobile)
 - ✓ Address
 - ✓ School provided email address (this will be used to set up your laptop)
 - ✓ Personal email (if applicable)
 - ✓ Applicant's statement (maximum 400 words) describing how you meet the selection criteria and why you are a suitable candidate

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- Residential status:
 - ✓ If you were born overseas, you will be required to provide details of your citizenship and/or current visa status (which should cover the period to the end of high school).
- Parent/guardian details including:
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ Phone number
 - ✓ Address
 - ✓ Postal address
 - ✓ Email address
 - ✓ Relationship to student
 - ✓ Country of birth
- School details including:
 - ✓ Name of school
 - ✓ Your school's address
 - ✓ Your school's postal address
 - ✓ Your school's phone number
 - ✓ Your school's email address
 - ✓ Name, phone number, and email address of your Principal
 - ✓ Principal's reference (**notify your Principal as soon as possible that you are applying for a Harding Miller Scholarship and require a reference from them and provide them with the Principal's Reference Guidelines**)
- Basic information about you and your family including:
 - ✓ The highest level of qualification gained by a member of your immediate family
 - ✓ Whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Pacific Islander or South Sea Islander
 - ✓ Whether you are from a non-English-speaking family
 - ✓ Which languages you speak at home
 - ✓ Whether you have been in out-of-home care (currently or previously)
 - ✓ How you and your family are experiencing financial hardship
 - ✓ Your total household income and the number of dependents in the household
 - ✓ How you found out about the scholarship
- Your academic results, including:
 - ✓ Scan of your year 8, semester 1 academic school report
 - ✓ Scan of your year 7, semester 2 academic school report
 - ✓ Scan of your Year 7 NAPLAN results

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised your application and all fields are complete (including your school Principal's reference and reports as required) you may submit it.

Applications will close at 11:59pm (AEST) on Monday, 1 September 2025.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Please call the Harding Miller Education Foundation on 1300 103 896 - or
- Email the Harding Miller Education Foundation on info@hardingmiller.org.au

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