



Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

For Year 8 students applying for a Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program is for **Year 8 girls** attending **Australian public high 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 girls. 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 2027 will receive the following support:

- High-quality laptop and helpdesk support
- 4G mobile broadband including 20GB of internet per month
- Personal one-to-one (face-to-face or online) tutoring
- Subscription to an online study support provider
- \$700.00 pre-paid card each year for school expenses
- Mentoring from a personal volunteer coach
- Access to a range of other study skills and career development 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 the program guidelines when connecting with their dedicated coach.

Each year, students will be required to provide the Harding Miller Education Foundation with feedback and evidence of their academic progress 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 2027
 - Enrolled and attending an Australian government/public school
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SELECTION CRITERIA

There are three selection criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated Academic Excellence:** Consistently achieving **outstanding** or **high**

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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 to accessing educational opportunities. Our aim is to support girls whose families' financial circumstances make 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 the future
 - a positive attitude to education
 - a real desire to learn

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 make 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 HAVE 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 statement (maximum 400 words) describing how you meet the selection criteria and why you should be considered for a Harding Miller Scholarship.
- Residential status:

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- ✓ 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 early as possible that you are applying for a Harding Miller Scholarship, require a reference, 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 identify as 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 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

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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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

Applications will close at 11:59pm (AEST) on Monday, 24 August 2026.

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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