



GW NSW Joan Bielski AO Memorial Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship is to enable a mature woman to attend university for the first time and complete a first degree. The intention of the award is to support a woman who was prevented from going to university by circumstances at the time of leaving school.

Duration: A maximum of three (3) years
Value: \$5000 per semester
Condition of continuing payment: Must maintain good academic standard

Conditions of scholarship:

- Woman born before 1 January 1986
- Enrolled in first year in a university in NSW or Canberra in a Government supported place and without previous university attendance
- Resident of NSW or ACT
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Requirement to supply first semester results.

Level of study: Undergraduate only

Attendance: Full time only. Part time students demonstrating exceptional circumstances that prevent them studying full time may occasionally merit consideration but preference will always be given to Full Time students.

Financial hardship is an essential prerequisite.

Other disadvantages that will be considered are:

- Previous impediments to attending university, such as:
 - Family/Carer responsibilities
 - Disrupted schooling
 - Disability or medical condition
 - English as a second language
 - Geographical isolation
 - Family crisis or difficult family environment.

Eligible if receiving other awards equal to or less than \$5000 pa. Full details of other awards applied for or already approved must be included in application.

Applications must include:

- **Proof of age**
- **Proof of qualification for and admission to course**
- **Proof of citizenship**
- **Proof of hardship** - Documentation to demonstrate real and enduring financial hardship, (eg Centrelink means-tested income support payments,) and evidence of other hardship
- **Academic referee** with contact details (Short listed candidates will be asked to attend an interview and a further personal referee will be requested at this time)
- **A single A4 page summary** of educational history so far and reasons for wanting to attend university and reasons it has proved impossible earlier. What difference do you hope a university education and degree will make to your life and future?

Applications should be addressed to the Fellowships Convener and sent in PDF format to:

gwnew@netspace.net.au

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 JULY 2021 No late applications will be accepted.

Trustees will make the award after receipt of candidates' first semester results.