

# GW NSW Joan Bielski AO Memorial Scholarship - GUIDELINES

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:** \$6000 per semester – First instalment paid on receipt of Semester 1 results.

**Condition of continuing payment:** Must maintain good academic standard - Credit Average

## Conditions of scholarship:

- Woman born before 1 January 1989.
- Enrolled in **first year** in a university listed on the Australian Universities' List in NSW or ACT in a Government supported place and **without previous university attendance**.
- Resident of NSW or Canberra
- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Requirement to supply first semester results.
- Must be enrolled in Semester 1, 2024

**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:

- English as a second language
- Family crisis or difficult family environment
- Disrupted schooling
- Geographical isolation
- Family/Carer responsibilities
- Disability or medical condition

Eligible if receiving other awards equal to or less than \$6000 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, (e.g. 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 Scholarships Convener and sent in PDF format to:**  
[admin@gwnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@gwnsw.org.au)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024** \*No late applications will be accepted.