

Outstanding First Nations in Trades

## MiScholarship Application

The **Outstanding First Nations in Trades scholarship** recognises an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander apprentice or trainee at MIGAS who excels in their trade and proudly represents their Indigenous identity.

Your application will need to address each of the selection criteria and clearly highlight your achievements in this past 12 months. You are required to provide examples that demonstrate how have gone above and beyond in your work and training to be awarded this scholarship.

Supporting evidence for your application may include:

* Providing examples that describe how you demonstrated high performance on-the-job by exceeding expectations
* Written feedback from your host employer/supervisor describing your achievements and approach to work
* Examples of achievements, results or recognition through completing your formal training
* Highlighting extracurricular activities or community work and exceptional conduct throughout your employment.

**MiScholarship Award:** $2,000

**Eligibility:** Currently placed MIGAS apprentices and trainees who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and have been employed with MIGAS for a minimum of six months. Applicants may be asked to provide proof or confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage on selection as a finalist.

**Criteria:** Refer to the last page of this document for MiScholarship criteria to assist with your application.

**Supporting Evidence:** We strongly recommend submitting additional evidence to support your written application. Appropriate supporting evidence may include:

* A letter of support from your host supervisor
* A letter of support from a trainer
* Records of awards and recognition
* Media clippings, stories and photos

## Submission

**Please email your completed application and supporting evidence to** [**awards@migas.com.au**](mailto:awards@migas.com.au)

**Closing date:** Friday 21 November 2025

# Your Details

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| Name |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Host Company |  |
| MIGAS Field Officer Name |  |
| Your Email Address |  |

# application Questions

**For your application to be considered you must answer all application questions.**

Previous applicants who have been successful have given in depth responses and provided specific examples that complement their answer.

You should aim for a minimum response of 300 words per question.

**1. What inspired you to start your apprenticeship or traineeship?**

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**2. As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, describe your experiences in your apprenticeship/traineeship so far.** (Think about your family, where you've come from, and what you have found challenging and rewarding.)

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**3. What significant accomplishments in your work over the past year are you most proud of?**

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**4. In what ways do you plan to give back to your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community or support others on a similar career path?**

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**5.** **Should you be awarded this scholarship, how would you make use of the prize funds?**

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# Your Host Supervisor Details

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| Host Supervisor Name |  |
| Host Supervisor Email |  |

# MiScholarship Criteria

Merit scholarships are aimed at supporting people who have demonstrated high performance and achievement during the course of their employment or program participation.

The scholarships are awarded by category to MIGAS employed apprentice and/or trainees who demonstrate:

* Outstanding academic merit and conduct in their formal training
* High performance on-the-job
* Exceptional professional conduct and values

## General Eligibility Criteria

**To be considered for a scholarship applicants must:**

* Have completed a minimum of six months of continuous employment with MIGAS
* Not be in breach of the MIGAS Code of Conduct, Employment Agreement, Policies or Procedures
* Be on track and up to date with their qualification Training Plan, workplace evidence and achievement of competency
* Not have any outstanding debts, fees or charges due to be paid to MIGAS

## What Do We Look for in MiScholarship Applicants?

**Professional Goals**

* A clear, longer-term commitment to pursuing employment in the trade or field of study
* The potential to work in a leadership role and make a professional contribution to the field
* Desire to develop deeper knowledge, understanding and skills in the study discipline
* Involvement in professional associations or groups

**Academic Potential**

* Consistency in achieving competency and positive trainer feedback (i.e., achieving competency in each unit on first attempt)
* A capacity for critical thinking and problem solving
* The potential to succeed academically in further studies

**Personal Attributes**

* The persistence and motivation to achieve
* Integrity, maturity and leadership qualities
* An ethic of service, values and good conduct
* A commitment to inclusivity and social justice
* Sensitivity in dealing with a range of people and issues
* The ability to work collaboratively
* Well-developed communication skills