



Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Secondary education scholarship Student application 2027

In administering the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), The Smith Family will need to collect personal information from you.

The Smith Family is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of our clients and supporters. The Smith Family supports and is bound by the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 and the National Privacy Principles. A copy of the National Privacy Principles can be found at <http://www.privacy.gov.au/publications/npps01.html>.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for an IYLP Secondary Education Scholarship the applicant must be an Indigenous young person who has the motivation and high potential to complete Year 12, and be committed to succeeding. Scholarships are being offered for one year and student progress will be reviewed frequently. **Applicants must be eligible for ABSTUDY.**

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Completed application and supporting documents must be received by The Smith Family by 1st May 2026

Applicant details

Please note our preferred method of correspondence is email, otherwise all mail will be sent to your postal address.

Title: Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Family name:		
First name:	Preferred name:		
Date of birth:	Age:	Year level in 2026:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Home address:			
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:	
Postal address (if different to above):			
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:	
Home phone:	Mobile phone:		
Email address:			

Please indicate your marital status and number of dependent children (if any) below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> De Facto	Number of dependent children:
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Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (please select **one** of the following boxes)?

If you are not of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent you cannot apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Who are the traditional owners of your home community?

Do you speak a language other than English?

<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal English
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal (please provide name of language)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Torres Strait Islander (please provide name of language)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other (please specify)

Current living arrangements

Please indicate your current living arrangements by selecting **one box** from the list below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Living in home community <input type="checkbox"/> Full time boarder (name school/hostel)
<input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home community with family <input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home community without family
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide details)

Parent/Guardian details

Please note our preferred method of correspondence is email, otherwise all mail will be sent to the postal address.

Parent/Guardian 1		
Family name:	Given name(s):	
Relationship to applicant (eg mother, father, guardian):		
Postal address (if different to applicant details):		
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:
Phone:	Mobile phone:	
Email address:		
Parent/Guardian 2 (if applicable)		
Family name:	Given name(s):	
Relationship to applicant (eg mother, father, guardian):		
Postal address: (if different to applicant details)		
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:
Phone:	Mobile phone:	
Email address:		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home community with family	<input type="checkbox"/> Living away from home community without family
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide details)	

Current school

Please provide details of the school you are currently attending. Proof of enrolment and your most recent school report (including subjects completed and results) must be submitted with this application. Documentation must be on school letterhead and signed by the principal or other authorised school representative.

Name of school:		
Address of school:		
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:
School phone:	School fax:	
School email address:		

Please select one of the options below to indicate the type of school you are currently attending.

<input type="checkbox"/> Government school	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic school	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent school
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide details)		

Current school (cont)

This school is a:

<input type="checkbox"/> Boarding school	<input type="checkbox"/> Day school	<input type="checkbox"/> Boarding/Day school
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		

Please provide details of a contact person at this school.

Family name:	Given name(s):	
Position (eg Indigenous education officer, principal, teacher, counsellor etc):		
Phone:	Mobile phone:	
Fax:	Email address:	

If your current school is not a primary school, please provide details of the **last primary school** you attended.

Name of school:

Address of school:		
Suburb/Community:	State:	Postcode:
What is the highest level you completed (eg year 7):		What year was this?
Did you successfully complete this level? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

School	School
<input type="checkbox"/> Ballarat Clarendon College – VIC, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Rostrevor College - SA, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Ballarat Grammar - VIC, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Sacred Heart College - SA, Co-ed
<input type="checkbox"/> Canberra Grammar School - ACT, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Augustine's College - QLD, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Caulfield Grammar School – VIC, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Gregory's College - NSW, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Concordia College – SA, Co- Ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Ignatius' College (Riverview) - NSW, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Haileybury Rendall School – NT, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's College - NSW, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Immanuel College – SA, Co- Ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Monica's College - QLD, All Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> Kincoppal Rose Bay School – NSW, All Girls	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick's College - VIC, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Loreto College (Adelaide) SA, All Girls	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Peter's College - SA, All Boys
<input type="checkbox"/> Loreto College (Ballarat) VIC, All Girls	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Philip's College - NT Co-ed
<input type="checkbox"/> Navigator College - SA, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Scholastica's College - NSW, All Girls
<input type="checkbox"/> New England Girls' School - NSW, All Girls	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Ursula's College - QLD, all girls
<input type="checkbox"/> Pembroke School – SA, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> The Geelong College - VIC, Co-ed
<input type="checkbox"/> Prince Alfred College – SA, All Boys	<input type="checkbox"/> Westminster School - SA, Co- Ed
<input type="checkbox"/> Rossmoyne Senior High School – WA, Co-ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Xavier College- SA, Co- Ed

Are you eligible for Abstudy?

If you don't know, you must test your eligibility with Centrelink **before** you lodge this application.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please provide evidence of eligibility from Centrelink with this application)

How did you find out about the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program?

<input type="checkbox"/> The Smith Family website	<input type="checkbox"/> IYLP scholarship recipient	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
<input type="checkbox"/> The Smith Family staff	<input type="checkbox"/> IYLP Partnership Broker	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend
<input type="checkbox"/> DEEWR website	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet
<input type="checkbox"/> CDEP	<input type="checkbox"/> Centrelink	<input type="checkbox"/> Local community organisation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)		

Questions about you

In the following section please answer all of the questions to support your application.

1. What are your favourite subjects at school and why?
2. What would you like to do when you finish your secondary schooling?
3. What has made you interested in this area?
4. Have you represented your school or community in any way (eg student groups, school captain or leader, community groups etc)? List any awards or certificates that are relevant to this application. Please list any activities and your involvement in these, eg NAIDOC Celebration – did Welcome to Country
5. Outside of sport what does leadership mean to you?
6. Please give clear examples of leadership qualities that you have demonstrated at school

Questions about you (cont)

In the following section please answer all of the questions to support your application.

7. Have you previously received a grant or scholarship, including an IYLP scholarship?

Yes No *(If Yes, please provide details below, including source, reason, amount and date)*

8. Tell us about a time when you have overcome a challenge – please detail what it was and how you dealt with it e.g. someone at school was not following the school rules – what would you do?

9. Are you involved in any community activities outside of school? For example, dance groups, youth groups etc.

10. This is a very competitive process, why do you think you should be awarded an IYLP Scholarship?

Questions about you (cont)

In the following section please answer all of the questions to support your application.

11. Tell us something about your family.

12. Is there anything else you would like us to know that is relevant to this application?

Assistance with this form

Did you complete this form yourself? Yes No

(If not, please tell us the name of the person who helped you and their relationship to you)

Family name:

Given name(s):

Relationship to applicant *(eg teacher, parents, friend)*:

Phone:

Mobile phone:

Email address :

Application process

A requirement of the application process is that shortlisted applicants attend an interview with their parents or guardian. This interview is to establish whether or not you meet the requirements set out in the Program guidelines.

Do you agree to this? No Yes

Referees

*Two written references are required to be submitted with this application (forms are provided with this application or can be downloaded from The Smith Family website). References may be sent separately by the referee, however, they must reach The Smith Family by the closing date of this application (30th May 2025). **We will only accept references submitted on the template provided.***

Please note that one referee must be someone from your current school and the other person must be someone within your local community, who is not a close relative.

Personal statement

A personal statement, written by you, is required to be submitted with this application. **This must be in your own handwriting and 250 words** (form provided with application). Tell us what your life goals are. For example, why you think you should be awarded a scholarship and how it will benefit you; tell us about your personal characteristics and leadership qualities; highlight examples from your life that you think are relevant to your application.

Ask a parent/guardian, teacher or a friend to read your personal statement and help you with feedback.

Agreement and signature

By submitting this application, I confirm that the information in this form is true and complete, and I understand and accept the conditions of application set out in this form. I will provide documentary evidence in support of this application where requested.

I authorise The Smith Family to disclose my personal information to National Indigenous Australians Agency. I also authorise The Smith Family to communicate with my parents or guardian any information in relation to my application.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students selected for an IYLP secondary scholarship are required to attend an approved IYLP partner school. If you are selected and need to move from your current school, The Smith Family will help you make this change.

All required forms for the application process are provided in this pack, or they can be downloaded from our website at www.thesmithfamily.com.au.

PLEASE NOTE:

Your application will **not** be considered if you do not submit the following information by **1st May 2026**:

- Student application form** (all sections must be completed and the form must be signed by the applicant)
- Verification of enrolment at your current school** (on school letterhead and signed by the principal/authorised school representative)
- Your **most recent school semester report** (we require Semester 2, 2024 reports). **Applications will only be considered on condition your results are satisfactory.**
- Verification of Abstudy eligibility from Centrelink.** If you are not eligible for Abstudy, you must clearly state why you are educationally disadvantaged.
- Written references** from two referees on provided template (may be sent separately but must be received by 30th May 2025 and **must be on the template provided**)
- Personal statement**, written by you (in your own handwriting and 250 words)
- Parent/Guardian support & consent form** (all sections must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian).
- Recent school photo of the applicant.**

If there is any other information or documentation you would like taken into consideration to support your application, please attach it to this form.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that this is our last year of funding from the Federal Government for the program and we have not been advised if we will receive continued funding beyond the 2026 school year. As we have done in previous years, we will proceed with the application process for 2027, however, we will not be in a position to make any offers until we receive confirmation from the funding body that we will have ongoing funding.

We appreciate that this is not an ideal position to be in but we cannot commit The Smith Family to the level of funding required to run the program and hope that you understand the situation that we are in at the moment. Should we get confirmation earlier then we will naturally proceed with the application process as normal.

If you have any questions about the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program or need help completing this application, please contact the IYLP Manager by email IYLP@thesmithfamily.com.au.

You will be notified in writing within 7 working days when your application is received.

APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

By email: IYLP@thesmithfamily.com.au (preferred)

By post: Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Manager, PO Box 3041, Rundle Mall SA 5000
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