

Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary 2025

Fact Sheet

Will you be a role model and make a difference in your local community?

The **Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary** provides a **high-achieving full-time Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student**, commencing their 2nd or 3rd year of an undergraduate degree or 2nd year of a post graduate degree in any discipline or field of study, with a **one-off Bursary payment of \$5,000** to assist with education related expenses.

The Bursary

Named in honour of the late Lambert McBride, an Aboriginal advocate and lobbyist for Queensland Indigenous rights, the [Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary](#) was established by the Queensland Government as part of celebrations to recognise the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Constitutional referendum. Mr McBride believed in the value of education for progress and encouraged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to get a good education.

Bursary funds

The Bursary is awarded to high achieving tertiary students who demonstrate Mr McBride's legacy through their inspirational leadership, and personal contribution and commitment to their local community. The Bursary seeks to assist with study-related expenses such as a computer, textbooks or stationery with the successful applicant receiving a one-off payment of \$5,000 during Semester 1, 2025.

When the Bursary has been awarded, a portion will be paid to the higher education institution on behalf of the recipient to offset student's course costs, with the remainder deposited into the recipient's bank account.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this Bursary, candidates must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- commence their second or third year of an undergraduate or second year of a post-graduate degree – in any field – at a Queensland higher education institution (HEI) in 2025.

Application process

Candidates must submit an online application through the Smart Jobs website (an account may need to be created), complete an online questionnaire and attach all supporting documentation including:

- written evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage

- an unofficial academic transcript from the HEI showing results of the degree to-date
- evidence of enrolment for Semester 1, 2025
- a current resume
- two written references – one reference should be from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and on official letterhead, dated and signed.

Although this bursary has no guarantee of employment, it may impact on the recipient's assessable income or benefits. Applicants are encouraged to seek independent financial advice regarding their own circumstances or check with the Australian Taxation Office ([ATO Scholarships Calculator](#)) which may assist.

Selection Process

The selection panel will assess applications based on the information provided in the online application and supporting documentation, including the candidate's commitment to study, and current and future contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The selection panel reserves the right to:

- contact the candidate, referees, or HEI provided in the application to obtain further information to determine suitability for the Bursary
- not award a Bursary in any year.

The Bursary will be offered on a merit selection basis and the offer of the Bursary cannot be deferred.

Apply

To apply visit the Smart Jobs website at <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-CO592810-24> or apply via the [Indigenous Portal](#).

Enquiries

Enquiries can be directed to the Scholarships and Grants team, Employment Incentives and Pathways, Human Resources Branch, by email scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au or telephone (07) 3055 2991.

Applications close 13 December 2024