



## Aboriginal Languages Trust

### 2023 Educational Scholarship Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Context

The Aboriginal Languages Trust (**ALT**) administers grant programs, referred collectively as the Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program, to support the growth and nurturing of Aboriginal Languages in NSW, consistent with the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017*.

The Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program has several funding streams, one of which is:

The **ALT Educational Scholarship Program** is an open program to all eligible applicants and offers grants of up to \$50,000.

#### ALT Educational Scholarship Program

The ALT Educational Scholarship Program provides one-off funding to eligible applicants to grow the number of Aboriginal Languages speakers, educators and teachers across NSW. The purpose of the ALT Educational Scholarship Program is to revive, grow and nurture Aboriginal Languages across NSW by financially supporting individuals who are undertaking training or education related to learning or teaching Aboriginal Language.

The ALT Educational Scholarship Program aims to ensure:

- Funding is provided to Aboriginal people in the NSW;
- Critical decision-making regarding ALT Educational Scholarships is led by the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal communities across NSW; and
- ALT Educational Scholarship supports the revival, nurturing and growth of Aboriginal Languages, ultimately increasing the number of Aboriginal Language speakers and teachers.

#### How does it work?

This is an open competitive scholarship program, available to eligible applicants.

Applicants can apply for a single scholarship from one of three tiers of funding provided under the ALT Educational Scholarship Programs for post-secondary tertiary education:

- Revive Scholarship offers up to \$9,999.
- Grow Scholarship offers between \$10,000 - \$24,999.
- Nurture Scholarship offers between \$25,000 - \$50,000.

The ALT has allocated \$200,000 for the ALT Educational Scholarship Program in 2023-24.

**Applications open** 9am AEST on Friday, 1 November 2023.

**Applications close** 11.59pm AEST on Thursday, 10 December 2023.

Applications are to be completed online at <https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/>

## What do I need to do before I apply?

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure your organisation or group and Language project is eligible for funding.

The Guidelines are available on the ALT's website: <https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/>

## Can I submit more than one application?

No, the Program provides one off funding and applicants are limited to one scholarship at any given time.

## When can I submit my application?

Applications open 9am AEST on Friday, 1 November 2023.

Applications close 11.59pm AEST on Thursday, 10 December 2023.

Applications will be assessed, and applicants will be notified of the outcome, by 12 January 2024.

Applications can be submitted online through SmartyGrants while funds are available <https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/>

## Who can apply for a scholarship?

Eligible applicants must meet each of the following criteria:

- An individual who identifies and is recognised by their Community as Aboriginal,
- A NSW resident (exception may be granted under special circumstances),
- Currently undertaking, or is enrolled to undertake, post-secondary tertiary education or training related to learning or teaching a NSW Aboriginal Language, and
- Currently participating in, or can demonstrate plans to participate in, Language development in a Community within NSW.

## What are the different tiers of scholarships?

The ALT Educational Scholarship Program consists of three tiers:

**Tier 1 – Revive:** is intended to support the early stages of an individual’s Language learning. The course will be provided by an Aboriginal Community organisation or TAFE NSW. Applicants can apply for a Revive Scholarship of **up to \$9,999 per year**. There is no minimum amount of funding that can be applied for.

**Tier 2 – Grow:** is intended to support the further development of an individual’s Language learning or teaching. The course will be provided by a Tertiary Institution. Applicants can apply for a Grow Scholarship of between **\$10,000 - \$24,999 per year**.

**Tier 3 – Nurture:** is intended to support the growth of expertise of an individual’s Language learning or teaching. The course will be provided by a Tertiary Institution. Applicants can apply for a Grow Scholarship of between **\$25,000 - \$50,000 per year**.

## What will my application need to include?

All applications must demonstrate how they meet the assessment criteria set out in the guidelines. The depth of information required to be submitted with the application will vary based on the value of the scholarship.

In addition to addressing the assessment criteria above, supporting documentation will be required to assist with assessing the suitability of the Scholarship for approval. The type and amount of supporting documents required may vary depending on the Scholarship Tier and this is set out in the guidelines.

## Can I get support with my application?

If you need support with the application process or are in a remote Community with limited access to the internet to apply, please contact the ALT:

- Phone: 1300 036 406
- Email: [grants@alt.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grants@alt.nsw.gov.au)

## What happens during the assessment/review phase?

An initial assessment of applications by the ALT Community Investment Team will take place, ensuring forms are adequately filled out and applicants meet basic requirements, such as proof of Aboriginality. All applications will be screened for project eligibility. Ineligible applicants will be notified in writing and will not proceed to Stage 2.

Applications that pass the initial review will be reviewed by the independent assessment panel. Applications will be assessed based on the assessment criteria set out in the guidelines.