BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY
STUDENT BURSARY

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide a framework to financially support long-term residents of the Barcoo Shire who are commencing their trade or tertiary qualifications.

POLICY STATEMENT

At its discretion and by resolution, Council may award a student bursary to an individual who meets the eligibility criteria, through a one-off financial assistance payment.

DEFINITIONS

A **Bursary** is a non-repayable monetary award based on specific eligibility criteria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An individual is eligible for a student bursary if he/she:

- is a current resident of the Barcoo Shire and has been so for at least three (3) years
- is not a previous recipient of a Barcoo Shire Council student bursary
- is between the ages of 15 to 30 at the time of application
- has been accepted by a recognised tertiary education or registered training organisation to commence one of the following:
    - a Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification
    - a trade Apprenticeship qualification
    - a Bachelor Degree qualification

To be clear, qualifications listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework which are higher or lower than those listed above are not eligible for the student bursary, e.g., Certificates (I, II, III, IV – including Traineeships), Graduate Diplomas, Honours Degree, Master's Degree and Doctorate/PhD Degree.

PROCEDURE

- All applicants must complete the Student Bursary Application Form and adequately address all selection criteria before it can be considered by Council.
- If Council approves a student bursary application, payments to the successful applicants are made on the following basis:

Qualification	Bursary Amount	Up-Front Payment	Final Payment
Diploma/Advanced Diploma	$1,000	$500	$500 on successful completion of the qualification
Apprenticeship	$2,000	$1,000	$1,000 on successful completion of first year's course requirements
Bachelor Degree	$3,000	$1,500	$1,500 on successful completion of first year's course requirements

- Awarding of student bursaries are subject to budget allocations and the final approval of Council.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

Student Bursary Application Form