**ABORIGINAL WOMEN’S LEGAL EDUCATION TRUST**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - 2019**

The Aboriginal Women’s Legal Education Trust (**AWLT**) provides scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to attend Western Australian universities to study law.

Scholarships are awarded to indigenous women with the potential and enthusiasm to succeed at law school. They provide holders with financial and other support (mentoring, networking and employment access) to complete their studies and begin their careers. The objective of the Trust is to produce law graduates who are job-ready and who have access to professional employment at the conclusion of their degree.

As a primary goal of the scholarship is to strengthen indigenous communities through educational opportunities, the Trust seeks applicants who are academically able and committed to contributing to their communities.

Applicants need to be:

1. an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman who usually resides in the State of Western Australia and who is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
2. eligible to be, or currently, enrolled as a student at a university in Western Australia in a course which is a bachelor’s degree or higher qualification in the study of law;
3. eligible for AbStudy, AusStudy, and / or Youth Allowance or similar;
4. motivated to undertake and be committed to her programme of studies;
5. able to demonstrate enthusiasm and willingness for the proposed course of studies and have a drive to achieve her degree; and
6. someone with potential to be a leader in the wider Indigenous or Australian community.

**Applications should include a letter or statement setting out information on how you meet each of the six criteria listed above, plus a resume and academic information e.g. school or university results if available, plus references, if available. You should be able to provide proof of your status as an indigenous woman.**

Applications should be addressed to the Trustee, AWL Education Trust, at Level 25, 77 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA and must be received by **12 noon on Friday** **15 February 2019.** Late applications will not be considered.

Applications are particularly encouraged from women who have disadvantage arising from distance, educational history, age or family circumstances or for any other reason.

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