

## Australian Physiotherapy Association – 2024 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapy Scholarship

The Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) recognises the importance of a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander physiotherapy workforce, and the significant contribution that physiotherapists make to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The APA strives to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander physiotherapists and grow the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people entering the profession. As part of our commitment, the APA is offering the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapy Scholarship to support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are currently studying towards a physiotherapy degree.

Up to four (4) Scholarships are being awarded in 2024.

### Scholarship value

The value of each Scholarship is \$5,000, which will be provided in one lump-sum payment.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- Be enrolled in a physiotherapy degree at an Australian university.

For the purposes of this Scholarship, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is someone:

- who is of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives or has lived.

### How to apply

Applicants are required to complete the below application form and submit it, along with the required documentation to the APA by the nominated closing date.

Applicants should also ensure they have read and understood the full [Terms and Conditions](#) of the Scholarship.

### Scholarship selection

The Scholarship will be awarded to successful recipients on the recommendation of an APA selection panel. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other scholarship or bursary. Applicants must declare on the application form whether they hold a current scholarship or bursary.

Scholarship recipients are required to be/become APA members and commit to maintaining membership for five (5) years after completion of their studies.

## 2024 APA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapy Scholarship – Application Form

*All fields required*

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>Suburb</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Name of university</b>	
<b>Course Title</b>	
<b>Current year of study</b> <i>e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<b>Expected year of graduation</b> <i>e.g. 2026</i>
<b>Current scholarships or bursaries</b>	

### Answer the following questions

1. Describe what has been your driving influence/motivation to become a physiotherapist  
(Maximum 400 words)

2. Describe how you will contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health as a qualified physiotherapist. (Maximum 400 words)

### Required Documentation

The following documentation is required to complete your application:

- An unofficial transcript or letter from your university confirming your academic results.
- Formal proof of enrolment in a physiotherapy degree at an Australian university.
- Written statements from **TWO** referees in support of your application. These should comment on your work and/or academic study and your involvement with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and communities, and your suitability for a career in physiotherapy.

### Declaration

*I declare that:*

- *I am of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.*
- *I identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and I am accepted as such by the community in which I live or have lived.*
- *the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information, or omitting relevant information, may lead to my application not being considered, or if I am awarded an APA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapy Scholarship it may be suspended, withheld, or terminated at any time.*

- I have read and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#) of the APA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapy Scholarship.

<b>Applicant Name</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Please submit your completed application form, along with the required documentation, to the APA by Friday 29 March 2024 via email:**  
[firstnations.health@australian.physio](mailto:firstnations.health@australian.physio)