



The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Thyssen Bequest Scholarship – Application Form

This scholarship is made available through the generous bequest of the late Margriet Anne Thyssen and administered prayerfully by the Mutharrak UAICC Scholarships and Fundraising Committee (SFC) in accordance with the UAICC and UCAQ approved guidelines.

Scholarship Name: Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), Thyssen Bequest Scholarship

Scholarship Purpose: The scholarship aligns with the directions of the Margriet Anne Thyssen bequest, which is to support further education, and formation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for works and service within the fields of nursing, allied health, mental health and wellbeing, theology and ministry.

Please follow this links to find out more information about reconciliation across our church and institutions;

[Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress](#)

[UnitingCare Queensland](#), and

[Wesley Mission Queensland](#).

We are grateful for the contributions made and service offered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our wider synod.

Application Guidelines:

This application form covers all scholarships available within the UAICC Thyssen Scholarship Fund.

You only need to complete the form once and will be assessed for all scholarships you are eligible for based upon the information you have provided.

Who can apply?

Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people, studying nursing, allied health, mental health, theology, or ministry.

Demonstrate connection to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community or communities.

Include a statement of identity and support letter by a community and or church Elder.

Application deadlines

You must meet the application submission deadline of 30 October 2026, and you must be beginning of continuing study, in the above related fields in 2027.

Before you start

Make sure you have:

- Information about your financial circumstances - you'll need to upload documents showing your own and (if applicable) your parents'/caregivers' financial situation. This can include:
 - a recent Centrelink Statement
 - pay slips covering the past 2 months (i.e. past 8 weekly pay slips/past 4 fortnightly)
 - Most recent ATO Notice of Assessment.
- Prepared a **personal statement** (up to 500 words) **outlining your personal and leadership qualities and/or experience**. You may **also** wish to address the following points **if they are applicable to you**:
 - community service involvement
 - personal and/or family circumstances
 - career aspirations/interests.
- Prepared a **financial statement** (up to 500 words) **outlining the impact of your financial circumstances on your life and studies**. You may **also** wish to address the following points **if they are applicable to you**:
 - if you anticipate a significant change in your circumstances once you commence tertiary study
 - any other significant barriers you have experienced to commencing tertiary study
 - how a scholarship would assist with the completion of your studies.

Need help?

If you have any questions or need support, email covenanting@ucaqlld.com.au

Sensitive information

This scholarship form may collect sensitive information about you. By completing this form, you consent to The Uniting Church in Australia, Qld Synod collecting and handling this sensitive information.

Privacy statement

The Uniting Church in Australia, Qld Synod is collecting your personal information for the purpose of scholarship selection and subsequent administration. We may share your information with the scholarship selection panel, donors, UCAQ Affiliates and UCAQ Controlled Entities in order to support the scholarship process. Your personal information will not otherwise be disclosed unless required by law. Your information will be handled under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. You can find out more in our [Privacy Policy](#) on our website, including how to access or update your information, or how to make a complaint if you're concerned about how we've handled your information.

I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept the application guidelines and the privacy statement above. ☐

Signature: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Contact phone / mobile number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Universal Student Number: _____

Current place of work and or study: _____

For your application to be considered, you must be able to answer yes to all three questions.

I confirm that I identify as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person.

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I am known as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person by my community.

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I will submit with this application, a supporting letter from a community or church Elder, which confirms the above and speaks to my place in community life.

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Please tick the scholarship for which you are applying.

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Study Area	Level	Scholarship - are up to the below values
Nursing	Undergraduate	\$10,000 ☐
Nursing	Postgraduate Masters / PhD	\$15,000 ☐
Allied Health	Postgraduate Masters / PhD	\$15,000 ☐
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Postgraduate Masters / PhD	\$10,000 ☐
Theology	Undergraduate	\$10,000 ☐
Ministry	Undergraduate	\$10,000 ☐
Theology / Ministry	Postgraduate Masters / PhD	\$15,000 ☐

Name of tertiary institution and course for which you will seek enrolment or have enrolled.

Why did you choose the above course?

Please complete a **personal statement** (up to 500 words) **outlining your personal and leadership qualities and/or experience**. You may **also** wish to address the following points **if they are applicable to you**:

- community or church service involvement
- personal and/or family circumstances
- career aspirations/interests.

Please write your statement in this space. If space is insufficient, attach separate statement.

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 - if you anticipate a significant change in your circumstances once you commence tertiary study
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Please write your statement in this space. If space is insufficient, attach separate statement.

Please tell us about a specific time when you **witnessed impactful or transformative leadership** demonstrated within your community or place of work.

Please write your response here:

List current qualifications and date of attainment here:

Please write your response here:

Final checklist before submitting

- ☐ I confirm the information contained within this application is true and correct.
- ☐ I have included supporting information about my financial situation
 - a recent Centrelink Statement
 - pay slips covering the past 2 months (i.e. past 4 pay slips)
 - Most recent ATO Notice of Assessment.
- ☐ I have completed all sections of the application
- ☐ I understand the decision of the scholarship committee is final, and if successful, I will be notified in writing by 18 December 2026.

We are committed to walking alongside aspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders and thank you sincerely for your interest in applying for a UAICC Thyssen Scholarship.



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