



TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2024

1. ESTABLISHMENT

- 1.1. Port Stephens Council has established the Scholarships program with the purpose of encouraging women in Port Stephens to achieve their goals and to support their valuable contribution to our communities.
- 1.2. The Port Stephens International Women's Day (IWD) Scholarships open for applications from 9am Monday 15 January 2024 and will close at 5pm Friday 12 February 2024.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In these conditions:

"Scholarship" means financial support for a female who is positively contributing to the Port Stephens community.

"Scholar" means a recipient of a scholarship;

"Program" means the Port Stephens International Women's Day (IWD) Scholarships program.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The Scholarship is available to women who:
 - 3.1.1. Currently reside in the Port Stephens Local Government Area;
 - 3.1.2. Are aged 16 years or older; and
 - 3.1.3. Will actively pursue a goal or contribute to the community in 2024.
- 3.2. Port Stephens Council Councilors and employees are ineligible to apply for this program.

4. SELECTION

- 4.1. Applicants must complete and submit the application form as provided by Port Stephens Council.
- 4.2. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to attend an International Women's Day event hosted or supported by Port Stephens Council in Port Stephens on Sunday 3 March.
- 4.3. A selection committee will endorse the awarding of all Scholarships.

- 4.4. The selection committee shall comprise of Port Stephens Council and community representatives.
- 4.5. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of suitability across the following areas:
- foreseeable positive impact of goal across the across arts, culture, environment, business, community, health and/or sport during 2024.
 - character references;
 - community interaction and involvement; and
 - other circumstances, such as hardship, social disadvantage or disability.

5. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1. Each Scholarship is for one year and must be taken up in the year it is awarded.
- 5.2. Successful applicants will be announced at an International Women's Day event supported by Port Stephens Council in Port Stephens on 3 March. Applicants must be in attendance to receive their scholarship.

6. BENEFIT

- 6.1. The Scholarship provides a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be paid in full following the International Women's Day event in 2024.

7. TERMINATION

- 7.1. A Scholarship shall terminate before the conclusion date and must be repaid to Council if the Scholar:
- 7.1.1. fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the Scholarship;
 - 7.1.2. fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 3;
 - 7.1.3. relinquishes the Scholarship;
- 7.2. In the event of termination, the scholarship monies will be a debt recoverable by Council on a pro-rata basis based on when the termination occurs during the financial year.