

Applications now open for Harding Miller Education Foundation scholarships for 2022

- Applications for Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships will open from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- The <u>Harding Miller Education Foundation</u> providing high achieving young Australian women experiencing hardship with tools, resources, and support to help them reach their full potential.
- The Harding Miller Education Foundation's vital support has become even more critical because of the coronavirus pandemic

**For 28 July 2021**: Applications are now open for the next round of Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarships which are changing the lives of hundreds of young Australian women.

Worth over \$20,000 each, the academic scholarships are available to high potential girls entering Year 9 in 2022 at Australian Public High Schools who are experiencing personal or socioeconomic disadvantage.

Recipients receive a new laptop, high speed internet, remote IT support, face-to-face and/or online tutoring, online homework assistance, subject, and career guidance, mentoring and financial support to help cover the costs of uniforms, books, and school expenses. They also receive unique enrichment experiences to open them to a world of career opportunities they otherwise would not be exposed to.

"Opportunity to continue schooling to Year 12 can be the key to a lifetime of learning for girls. But for some, the chance to continue their schooling may not be an option due to family disadvantage and the pressure of financial expectations," says Cara Varian, Executive Director at the Harding Miller Education Foundation.

"Year 9 through the year 12 is such a critical time and at Harding Miller Education Foundation we are dedicated to enabling young women facing hardship with the tools, mentoring and financial support they need to reach their full educational potential," adds Cara.



Since its launch in 2016, over 600 young women have benefited from the lifechanging scholarships across 300+ public high schools in every state and territory of Australia. The support has become even more critical because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Without access to a laptop and internet, online schooling would have been very stressful. I cannot even imagine what it would be like trying to complete work without proper access to my work. this scholarship has helped me tremendously through the lockdown," says year 9 scholar Emelia Brophy.

"Young people across Australia are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with concern about their education, their future and their relationships," says Cara Varian, Executive Director at the Harding Miller Education Foundation.

"Our scholars are high performing students who are experiencing personal or socioeconomic hardship. Two rounds of school shutdowns and new rules for socialising have created added stresses for these bright young women, particularly for those in the final years of their secondary schooling. They may be in an overcrowded household, lacking the space to complete online learning or at risk of family violence."

"We have seen first-hand the impact these scholarships have on young women's lives. We know there are many young girls across Australia who need support right now and we look forward to helping them reach their full potential," adds Cara.

To find out more information, get involved or support the Harding Miller Education Foundation please visit http://www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au

To learn about how technology is enabling Harding Miller scholars please watch <a href="https://youtu.be/76dRtiP-1j8">https://youtu.be/76dRtiP-1j8</a>

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