

## SHARON ALCORN BURSARY

### Sharon Alcorn Bursary – Guidelines Document

#### 1. Overview

The Sharon Alcorn Bursary was established in honour of the late Sharon Alcorn, a dedicated former staff member of the Mackay Women's Centre (formerly Mackay Women's Services). Sharon was passionate about empowering women and believed deeply in the transformative power of education.

This bursary supports women seeking to further their education through short courses, Certificate programs, Diplomas, and Tertiary education. The bursary continues Sharon's legacy by enabling women to create positive change in their lives and their community.

Please note, there will only be one successful applicant.

#### 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Sharon Alcorn Bursary is to provide financial assistance to women who require support to access education or training that may otherwise be out of reach. The bursary encourages and empowers women in their educational pursuits and supports their future opportunities.

#### 3. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be 18 years or older, reside in the Mackay or surrounding regions, be enrolling in or currently undertaking an eligible course, and demonstrate financial need or barriers to accessing education.

#### 4. Application Process

All applications must be submitted through the official online form. Applicants should prepare personal details, educational goals, course information, and a brief statement outlining financial need and impact.

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### 5. Key Dates

Applications Open: Now

Applications Close: 1 March 2026

Review Period: Early March

Selection Decision: End of March 2026

Applicants Notified: Following selection finalisation

### 6. Assessment Process

The selection panel includes representatives from the Mackay Women's Services and the Alcorn family. Assessment will consider eligibility, financial need, educational impact, and commitment to personal development or community contribution.

### 7. Funding Details

The bursary provides financial assistance for items such as course fees, study materials, required travel, and other education-related expenses (Please note, these are just examples). Funds may be paid directly to the education provider or supplied as approved reimbursements.

Please note, there is a maximum amount of \$2000.

### 8. Applicant Responsibilities

Recipients must use bursary funds for the approved purpose, notify the organisation of any changes to enrolment, provide evidence of enrolment or completion if requested, and agree to optional acknowledgement in promotional material.

### 9. Notification & Communication

Applicants will receive confirmation upon submission and a decision outcome after review. Contact: [admin@dvr.org.au](mailto:admin@dvr.org.au) or 07 4953 1788.

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### **10. Privacy & Confidentiality**

All personal information provided will remain confidential and used solely for assessment and administration of the bursary.