

## 2025 ABCN Scholarship Application Guidelines

The ABCN Accelerate Scholarship is a three-year program across Years 11 and 12 and the first year of tertiary education or training, supporting high academic potential students facing significant barriers to achieving their potential. Scholarships consist of two components of equal value and importance – financial and mentoring support.

### Successful applicants receive:

- Up to \$7,000 financial assistance towards direct educational expenses over three years comprising – up to \$2,000 each year in Years 11 and 12 and up to \$3,000 in the first year of full-time tertiary study at a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), College or University.
- A dedicated corporate mentor
- A Leadership Program: regular, structured and facilitated workshops, one-on-one mentor meetings, peer mentoring sessions and workplace visits

ABCN is looking for motivated students with strong aspirations and professional goals, and the drive to grow into future leaders who will make a positive impact in their chosen fields. Students will be required to actively engage with their mentors, participate fully in all program activities—including surveys, events, and meetings—and be committed to making the most of the support offered to achieve their tertiary education and career ambitions.

As the ABCN Accelerate Scholarship is a career mentoring program, applicants should have adequate pastoral or wellbeing support outside of the program, if required. Students must be nominated by the school Principal and read the scholarship Terms and Conditions before applying.

### Eligibility

- Students entering Year 11 in 2026
- Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in and attending an Australian school

## Selection Criteria

- Show strong personal motivation and potential to achieving academic and professional goals, including an intention to continue to tertiary education
- Display consistent effort and dedication in academic and/or extra-curricular pursuits
- Demonstrate a genuine commitment to engaging with and building a meaningful mentor relationship
- Capacity to participate in all aspects of the program
- Experiencing limited access to opportunities or resources such as academic support, career guidance, technology, or financial stability

## Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a series of selection panels made up of representatives from ABCN, member companies, funders, and educators, and assessed against the selection criteria. The panels will provide their recommendations to the ABCN Foundation Council for approval.

Successful applicants will be notified by their Principal and all other applicants will be notified of the outcome by email.

## Application Process

To apply for the Accelerate Scholarship, a student must be nominated by the Principal or an authorised school representative.

Nominated students will be invited to complete an online application providing basic details regarding themselves and their parents/guardian, as well as outlining their goals, how the scholarship will support these and their capacity and commitment to participate in the program. These responses are vital to the assessment process.

At the same time, the nominating Principal or representative must submit an online assessment form to support the students' application. This assessment is essential to evaluating the student's suitability for the program.

Applications without a completed school assessment will not be considered.

### **Application Submission Dates**

Applications are now open for students in Year 10 to commence the Accelerate Scholarship in 2026.

- **Student Nominations will close at 11.59pm (AEST) on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**
- **Student Applications will close at 11.59pm (AEST) on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**
- **Principals Assessments will close at 11.59pm (AEST) on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**
- **Scholarship award winners will be announced in November 2025**

### **For Further Information:**

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