

2026 ABCN Accelerate Scholarship Program

Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

This document sets out the Terms and Conditions governing the ABCN Accelerate Scholarship (the *Scholarship*), administered by the ABCN Foundation (ABCN). These Terms and Conditions outline the eligibility requirements, participation obligations, and expectations associated with receiving and maintaining the Scholarship for the recipient (the *scholar*).

2. Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in an Australian school and studying in Year 10 at the time of application.
- Be commencing Year 11 in the first year of the three-year Scholarship.
- Demonstrate an intention to undertake full-time or part-time study at a university, college, or registered training organisation (RTO) during the first year following completion of high school (commonly referred to as Year 13).
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

If a scholar leaves school prior to completing high school, or discontinues study during the Scholarship period, ABCN may reassess their eligibility for continued financial support and program participation on a case-by-case basis.

3. Scholarship Award and Notification

- Successful applicants will be notified by their school Principal or nominated school representative.
- Formal confirmation of the Scholarship will be provided via email from ABCN.
- If a successful applicant wishes to decline the Scholarship, they must notify ABCN promptly via email.
- A full copy of the scholars's submission will be shared with the applicant's school

4. Program Participation and Recipient (Scholar) Obligations

To remain eligible for Scholarship funding and participation in the Accelerate Program, scholars must meet the following requirements:

- **Use of Funds:** Scholarship funds must be used solely for approved education-related expenses directly connected to the scholar's studies.
- **Program Attendance:** Scholars are expected to attend all scheduled program sessions and workshops, unless otherwise agreed with ABCN.
- **Engagement:** Scholars must maintain regular contact with the Accelerate Program team and their assigned mentor(s), in accordance with program guidelines.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Scholars must complete all required surveys, evaluations, and feedback activities. Failure to do so may result in the temporary suspension of Scholarship payments.
- **Notification of Changes:** Scholars must promptly inform ABCN of any changes to their personal, educational, or eligibility circumstances and provide information when reasonably requested.
- **Conduct and Standing:** Scholars must comply with the rules and policies of their educational institution and maintain good standing at all times.

5. Scholarship Termination

ABCN reserves the right to suspend or terminate the Scholarship at its discretion if any of the following occurs:

- The scholar no longer meets the eligibility requirements.
- The scholar changes enrolment status without prior notification or approval (e.g. withdrawal from study, inactivity, or reduction to part-time study where not previously agreed).
- The scholar provides false, misleading, or incomplete information at any stage.
- The scholar's residency or citizenship status changes, affecting their eligibility.
- Scholarship funds are misused or applied to non-approved expenses.
- The scholar breaches the ABCN Scholar Code of Conduct, or otherwise engages in conduct inconsistent with ABCN's values.
- The scholar fails to meet participation requirements, including attendance, engagement, mentor communication, or completion of required program activities.

Where a Scholarship is terminated:

- Financial support will cease immediately; and
- ABCN reserves the right to require repayment of funds in cases of misuse or breach of these Terms and Conditions.

6. Contact Information and Communication

Scholars are responsible for ensuring that their contact details, including email address and phone number, remain accurate and up to date throughout the duration of the Scholarship.

If a scholar changes schools during the program:

- The scholar and their school must notify ABCN as soon as practicable.

Failure to maintain accurate contact information may result in missed communications and may impact Scholarship payments or program participation.

7. General Provisions

- ABCN may amend these Terms and Conditions from time to time. Scholars will be notified of any material changes.
- By accepting the Scholarship, scholars agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions in full.

Any questions regarding these Terms and Conditions should be directed to acceleratescholarship@abcn.com.au