



## Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program Scholarships Information

### Overview

ICAN is accepting applications for scholarship placements for its 2015 “Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program” commencing in May 2015.

The Mentorship Program provides essential support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the fields of financial counselling and money management, to undertake the Diploma of Community Services (Financial Counselling). The program includes personal and academic mentorship in a supported learning environment, connecting students through virtual and face-to-face classroom oriented training.

### Information for Applicants

This application package contains the information you will need to complete a scholarship application for entry into the program.

Please read the scholarship information brochure carefully, as only fully completed applications will be considered. To be considered for a scholarship placement, you must complete the following forms:

- Applicant Details
- Scholarship Selection Criteria
- Organisation Endorsement

For questions and further information about the scholarship package, please contact:

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Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network  
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**Scholarship Application Deadline: Friday, January 16, 2015.**



## Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program

### Scholarships Information

The Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program Scholarships are sponsored by the CBA and are available to assist students who are currently working in the Money Management and Financial Counselling Sectors to successfully undertake the Diploma of Community Services (Financial Counselling). The CBA IFCMP Scholarships are for the full course fees for the Diploma and is limited to 24 places and are co-ordinated and managed by the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network.

#### About the Scholarships

- The CBA Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program Scholarships delivered by ICAN are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in the money management and financial counselling sectors.
- The scholarship is not bound by age limits or qualifications.
- Scholarship funds are intended for the payment of course fees for the 2015/2016 Mentorship Program Diploma costs.
- Scholarship funds are paid directly to the Registered Training Organisation.
- The Diploma of Community Services (Financial Counselling) is a nationally recognised qualification and the RTO meets the required standards and scope of delivering this course.
- The Diploma is delivered via online and face to face training. There are a total of 6 residential block training programs in Cairns during the course of the program.
- A condition of the scholarship is for your organisation to ensure that you are resourced to successfully participate in the online and face to face training sessions. This includes access to the internet and email, a headset with microphone and dedicated time for you to be released from your work duties to participate in the online and face to face training.
- The training is a nationally recognised and accredited qualification which makes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants eligible for Abstudy away from base funding for travel, accommodation and meals for the face to face training session in Cairns.
- A requirement for eligibility for the Abstudy away from base funding is that participants will have to lodge an Abstudy claim as soon as notification of success for a Scholarship is received.
- Successful IFCMP Scholarship applicants will be provided with an information package providing details and information about the IFCMP, course enrolment and training schedule.

#### The ICAN IFCMP Scholarships are for people who:

- can demonstrate a willingness and intention to enrol, undertake and complete the Diploma of Community Services (Financial Counselling) within the specified time frames.
- are in full time employment by a not for profit organisation delivering money management and /or financial counselling services to Indigenous clients and/or in Indigenous communities (although part time employment will be considered on an individual basis).
- have the motivation and commitment to furthering your skills and education in financial counselling for Indigenous clients.
- are able to be released from work to attend all training requirements including attendance at weekly online training sessions and quarterly block training face to face sessions.
- are resourced to undertake and participate in the online and block training face to face sessions.

To be eligible for consideration, you must complete and submit the following documents by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**:

- Application Form.
- Completed selection criteria in full and submit it along with supporting documentation
- Letter of endorsement from your employer
- Resume
- Copies of Certificates/Awards/Statements of Attainment. (These copies will need to be witnessed and signed by a Justice of the Peace).

The Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program Scholarships *Scholarship package can be obtained at:* <http://ican.org.au/programs/>

### **The ICAN Indigenous Financial Counselling Mentorship Program Scholarship – Application process**

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must complete an application form and address the selection criteria as well as provide the completed letter of endorsement from their employer.

ICAN will undertake a selection for Scholarship places through a shortlisting process.

ICAN may need to contact applicants if further information is required

#### **Enquiries about Scholarships**

Enquiries can be made directly to Majella Anderson 07 40311 073 or email: [majella.anderson@ican.org.au](mailto:majella.anderson@ican.org.au)

#### **Please forward applications to:**

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Note: please do not email application forms.

**Closing Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**