



## AFGW NSW Joan Bielski AO Memorial Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship is to enable a mature woman to attend university for the first time and complete a first degree.

<b>Duration:</b>	A maximum of three (3) years
<b>Value:</b>	\$5000 per semester
<b>Condition of continuing payment:</b>	Must maintain good academic standard

### Conditions of scholarship:

- Woman born before 1 January 1982
- Enrolled in first year in a university in NSW or ACT in a Government supported place and without previous university attendance
- Resident in NSW or ACT
- Australian citizen or permanent resident.

**Level of study:** Undergraduate only

**Attendance:** Full time only. Part time students demonstrating exceptional circumstances that prevent them studying full time may occasionally merit consideration but preference will always be given to Full Time students

**Financial hardship is an essential prerequisite.**

Other disadvantages that will be considered are:

- Previous impediments to attending university, such as:
  - Carer responsibilities
  - Sole parenthood
  - Disrupted schooling.

Eligible if receiving other awards equal to or less than \$5000 pa. Full details of other awards applied for or already approved must be included in application.

### Applications must include:

- **Proof of age**
- **Proof of qualification for and admission to course**
- **Proof of citizenship**
- **Proof of hardship** - Documentation to demonstrate real and enduring financial hardship, (eg Centrelink means-tested income support payments,) and evidence of other hardship
- **Academic referee** with contact details (Short listed candidates will be asked to attend an interview and a further personal referee will be requested at this time)
- **A single A4 page summary** of educational history so far and reasons for wanting to attend university and reasons it has proved impossible earlier. What difference do you hope a university education and degree will make to your life and future?

**Applications should be addressed to the Fellowships Convener and sent in PDF format to:**

[afgwsw@netspace.net.au](mailto:afgwsw@netspace.net.au)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2017. No late applications will be accepted.**