

International Men's Day Scholarships – Framework

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Overview

International Men's Day (IMD), celebrated annually in November, is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate men and boys in all their diversity, while joining a global conversation about manhood, masculinity and men's issues by raising awareness of the challenges they face and the contributions they make to society.

Purpose

The scholarships celebrate the achievements and potential of men in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA), empowering them to contribute meaningfully to their chosen fields and fostering leadership and community involvement.

Key Dates

Applications Open: 9am Monday 31 August 2026

Applications Close: Midnight Sunday 27 September 2026

Awards Announced: Thursday 19 November 2026, at an International Men's Day event hosted or supported by Maitland City Council

Funding Available

Four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each are available annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be male.
- Be aged 16 years or older.
- Reside within the Maitland LGA.
- Not be a Maitland City Council employee or an immediate family member of a Council employee, Mayor, or Councillor.

Application Process

Submission: Applications can be submitted online or via a physical form provided by Maitland City Council.

The closing date for submissions is 27 September 2026.

Required Documentation:

- A personal statement (up to 500 words) outlining the applicant's goals and how the scholarship will assist in achieving them.
- A description of how the goals align with fields such as arts, culture, environment, business, community, health, or sport.
- Two written character references attesting to the applicant's community involvement and personal qualities.

Shortlisting:

A selection committee will review applications based on merit and alignment with the assessment criteria.

Event Participation:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an International Men's Day event on 19 November 2026.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Foreseeable Impact: The potential positive outcomes of the applicant's goals in their chosen field during the scholarship year.
- Character References: Strong testimonials from two referees supporting the applicant's suitability.
- Community Interaction: Evidence of active engagement with and contributions to the local community.
- The final recipients will be endorsed by a selection committee appointed by Maitland City Council.

Conditions of Funding

Recipients must agree to the following:

- Funds must be used as outlined in the application.
- Recipients may be asked to participate in promotional activities or share their journey as part of International Men's Day celebrations.
- Applicants must not be employees or immediate family members of Maitland City Council staff, the Mayor or Councillors.

Contact Information

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This framework ensures transparency, equity, and alignment with the values of International Men's Day, while celebrating the achievements and potential of Maitland's young men.