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**Mature age Students to benefit from IBA Scholarships**

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2012 Scholarship Fund round for mature aged Indigenous students.

The IBA Scholarship Fund provides mature aged Indigenous Australians with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in business, finance and commerce through higher education.

IBA Chair Dr Dawn Casey said that the IBA Scholarship Fund is looking for applicants who can use their new knowledge and skills to enhance their community's economic and financial development.

"This is an important step to help build economic development within our Indigenous communities."

The fund provides financial assistance to successful Scholarship applicants to support them with study related expenses up to the value of \$20,000.

This allows successful applicants the opportunity to develop their skills not only for their own future success but that of their family, peers and community.

Alan Holt, a business student from the Northern Territory currently assisted by the IBA Scholarship Fund, says this degree will allow him to provide sound advice and assist these communities in business development and possibly some form of a mentoring role.

"I am a great believer that education brings knowledge, understanding and empowerment, you can make a contribution and self direct your vision in making a difference in society today."

Applicants for an IBA Scholarship are open for mature aged Indigenous students for the 2012 academic year from Monday 17 October and close on Friday 18 November 2011.

Application forms, eligibility criteria and further information are available at [www.iba.gov.au/scholarships](http://www.iba.gov.au/scholarships). Alternatively you can email [scholarships@iba.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@iba.gov.au) or call 1800 107 107 for further information or an application form.

Profiles of selected IBA Scholarship recipients can be viewed on the IBA scholarships page listed above. To keep up to date on the latest scholarship news you can subscribe to IBA Inspire Magazine at <http://www.iba.gov.au/subscribe/>

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