The aim of this scholarship is to enable a mature woman to attend university for the first time and complete a first degree. The intention of the award is to support a woman who was prevented from going to university by circumstances at the time of leaving school.

**Duration:** A maximum of three (3) years  
**Value:** $5000 per semester  
**Condition of continuing payment:** Must maintain good academic standard

**Conditions of scholarship:**
- Woman born before 1 January 1986  
- Enrolled in first year in a university in NSW or Canberra in a Government supported place and without previous university attendance  
- Resident of NSW or ACT  
- Australian citizen or permanent resident  
- Requirement to supply first semester results.

**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:
  - Family/Carer responsibilities  
  - Disrupted schooling  
  - Disability or medical condition  
  - English as a second language  
  - Geographical isolation  
  - Family crisis or difficult family environment.

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:  
gwnsw@netspace.net.au

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 JULY 2021** No late applications will be accepted.

Trustees will make the award after receipt of candidates’ first semester results.