Three outstanding Territory women were today awarded the Chief Minister’s Scholarships for Women at a presentation ceremony and reception at Charles Darwin University.

The Scholarships valued at over $20,000 will be shared between Ms Sarah Morris, Ms Lian Qin and Ms Lina Cakap.

Women’s Policy Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, congratulated the winners and said the Scholarships support the Government’s objective to improve the long term economic security of women.

“These Scholarships are designed to assist women who would not be able to undertake study without financial assistance,” Ms McCarthy said.

“Education opens up a whole range of opportunities and it is well documented that the higher a woman’s post-secondary school qualifications, the better positioned she will be in securing full time employment and financial independence.

“Women are often the primary caregivers as well as juggling other family and social commitments and the Territory Government is very pleased to support women achieve academic success.

“The past and current scholarship winners are women who have demonstrated a strong involvement in their communities, with a clear vision for using their qualifications for the benefit of the community.”

- Ms Sarah Morris is the 2012 recipient of the Higher Education Scholarship of $15,000 and a laptop computer to the value of $1,200 and will be used to complete her studies in a Bachelor of Laws at Charles Darwin University.
- Ms Lian Qin and Ms Lina Cakap will each receive a Vocational, Education and Training Scholarship of $2,000.
- Ms Qin will use her $2,000 scholarship towards her VET studies in a Certificate IV in Accounting, and Ms Cakap will use her $2,000 scholarship to pursue studies in a Certificate IV in Education Support.

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