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Bess Price
Minister for Women’s Policy

Education a pathway to women’s employment – CDU Scholarships now open

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Applications for the Minister for Women’s Scholarships for Charles Darwin University are now open.

The Minister for Women’s Policy Bess Price encourages women to apply for the scholarships to further their chances of employment and better life choices.

“Women are leading the charge in many areas of business, science, sport and innovation but they are still under-represented in some occupational sectors. On average, women earn less than their male counterparts, and are less financially secure when they retire” Minister Price said.

These scholarships are designed to improve employment, economic security and general life outcomes for women and will assist three Territory women to gain their first qualification in their chosen field and improve the Northern Territory’s skill base.

The Minister for Women’s Scholarships include one Higher Education (HE) scholarship valued at $15,000 and a laptop to the value of $1200, and two Vocational, Education and Training (VET) scholarships valued at $2000 each.

Scholarships are available to women studying at Charles Darwin University or the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

The scholarships are aimed at women who:

- are local (demonstrate commitment to the NT and intend to use skills in the NT)
- are community-minded (demonstrate active and relevant community involvement through membership or participation in organisations, teams or groups)
- demonstrate economic, social, cultural or geographic disadvantage

Encouragement is given to women who are applying to study non-traditional trades or education streams.

Scholarship applications close on 4 March 2016. Applications can be made through the Charles Darwin University website at http://www.cdu.edu.au/student-central/scholarships
Charles Darwin University Scholarships Program administers the scholarships, with the Northern Territory Government committing $20,200 towards this initiative.

CDU external relations manager Martin Redhead said “The Minister for Women’s scholarships are amongst our most competitive at CDU and have a real impact on helping Territory women to achieve tertiary education outcomes”.

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