Study grants helping Territorians into jobs

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The Northern Territory Government continues to assist Territorians into jobs with more than 50 Territory students awarded scholarships to help with their training and studies in 2016.

Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles congratulated the successful applicants, saying it was important for them to be recognised and supported.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to supporting Territorians to further their knowledge and skills and ensure local people have the greatest chance to take up job opportunities here in the Territory,” Mr Styles said.

“These study grants are one element of our plan, they not only increase the recipients’ employment prospects but they are strengthening the Territory’s skills base and workforce as a whole.

“The Country Liberals Government has a demonstrated commitment to assisting Territorians in their study and training and we are continuously developing new ways to ensure the tertiary education and training options offered here are the best and most affordable possible.”

The Study Grants Program offers two scholarship types designed to support the development of the NT’s future workforce.

Forty Higher Education Scholarships worth $5000 per year have been awarded to Northern Territory Year 12 school leavers.

To further recognise their academic achievement, the top 10 Higher Education Scholarship recipients will receive an additional $1500 in the first year.

Higher Education Scholarship recipient Zachariah Thorbjornsen said receiving the scholarship would allow him to apply greater focus on completing his mechanical engineering degree at Charles Darwin University.

“The financial assistance will help me with my travel expenses to and from campus as I live in Berry Springs,” Mr Thorbjornsen said.

“I intend to stay and work in the Territory’s oil and gas industry, as the Territory is an exciting place with great opportunities which is developing at a very fast pace.”
Eleven Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarships have also been awarded to Territorians studying courses at the Certificate IV to Diploma level.

The VET scholarships are worth up to $5,000 and are designed to help Territorians of any age to gain a qualification to achieve full-time employment.

Alice Springs resident Janet Brown said receiving a VET scholarship would assist her to have time off from her part-time job to concentrate on study, without financial loss.

“I’m 60 this year and at this age I want to work with the kids who are feeling lost and neglected,” said Mrs Brown.

“I’m studying a Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention so I can work in the area of advocacy for kids and help establish restorative justice programs in Alice Springs.”

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**2016 Higher Education Top 10 Scholarship Recipients**

Anna Miers, Isaac Bell, Sarah Moore, Tayler Cosentino, Mary-Rose Thomas, Tarun Ponneri, Matthew Holohan, Jessica Lim, Rachel Carroll, Thomas Huntingford.

**2016 Higher Education Scholarship Recipients**


**2016 Vocational Education and Training Scholarship Recipients**

Ryan Gaskon, Tiani Cook, Michelle Padget, Hellen Kenyi, Rowan Dally, Ma. Fides Dela Torre, Stephanie Ottley, Janet Brown, Shane McDowell, Fatima Tsvanhu, Stacey Hopkins.