# Template for Responses to Assessment Criteria

All sections of this template must be completed. **Required** criterion are mandatory and must be met. Your submission will be assessed based on the responses provided in the template, as well as other information attached to your submission or publicly available. You can provide your answers separately if there is not enough space on the template.

**ABSTUDY Scholarship program – assessment criteria**

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| Name of scholarship program |  |
| Contact name |  |
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| Criterion 1 – Program objectives | **Required:**  Is the scholarship available to support students through to the completion of Year 12?  Yes  No  Selection sub-criterion:   1. Provide details about the main purpose of the scholarship program. 2. Please explain how the educational program is academically and culturally appropriate. |
| Criterion 2 – Program partner schools | **Required:**   1. The program offers a scholarship that can be taken up by **at least** one partner secondary school, or a school system, such as a group of affiliated schools, and a written agreement is in place. This can be a formal agreement co-signed by the school and scholarship provider, or a letter from the school principal confirming the arrangements.   Yes  No  Selection sub-criterion:   1. Provide a copy of the partnership agreements – this can be a  co-signed agreement or a letter from the school principal. 2. Provide details of any agreement currently being negotiated. |
| Criterion 3 – Student selection | **Required:**   1. Does the selection panel for the student selection process include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives?   Yes  No  Selection sub-criterion:   1. Provide details about the student selection process, including how it is clear and transparent. |
| Criterion 4 – Supporting Student Choice | Outline how the program supports students and their families to make informed decisions about their education. Include how the program supports students to select a school that aligns with their personal and academic interests (including selective or specialist public schools). |
| Criterion 5 – Student travel and placement | **Required:**   1. Do you understand your obligations to develop individual [Safe Travel Plans](https://www.dss.gov.au/support-students-and-apprentices/abstudy-safe-travel-plans) for students who require one, including providing appropriate supervision during travel where required?   Yes  No   1. Do you agree individual Safe Travel Plans will be developed in consultation with the student, the student’s family or community, and the school?   Yes  No  Selection sub-criterion:   1. How will the program provide information and guidance for students and their families about living away from home, including links with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support networks at their study location. |
| Criterion 6 – Student accommodation | **Required:**  Does the scholarship program include accommodation arrangements for students?  Yes  No  Selection sub-criterion:   1. Outline the type of accommodation included in the scholarship program, i.e. a boarding facility provided by the partner school or other accommodation arrangement organised through the program 2. Explain how the accommodation is culturally appropriate, supervised and supported. Include how the accommodation provides access to medical services or other supports for students |
| Criterion 7 – Student Support | 1. Outline how the program provides individual student support for orientation, personal development, academic and homework support, and extracurricular activities. 2. Advise how the program provides regular and ongoing engagement with the student’s family and community about academic and social progress. |
| Criterion 8 – Financial Support | What is the value of the scholarship being offered? This can include any financial contributions for boarding and tuition fees and any other costs associated with supporting students. |