

# GYO - Trainee Scholarship application

## Form Preview

### Grow Your Own program

#### About the Grow Your Own program

If you are interested in becoming an early childhood educator, we would love for you to apply!

Grow Your Own offers a traineeship package, mentoring support and scholarships to Aboriginal people in the Illawarra and Wingecarribee regions.

**What is the duration of the traineeship** Traineeships can be full-time or part-time. It is expected a full-time Certificate III traineeship will be completed in 12 to 18 months.

**Who will deliver the training?** The program will be delivered by ECTARC, a community owned, not for profit organisation that has successfully managed education and care services in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven for over 34 years.

**[Please see more Grow Your Own program details here.](#)** If you have any further questions, please email [GrowYourOwn@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:GrowYourOwn@det.nsw.edu.au).

#### Program benefits

**Successful applicants will receive:**

- \$3,000 to assist with completing a Certificate III or a Diploma.
- The opportunity to work at quality services with qualified educators.
- Extensive mentoring support throughout the traineeship.
- Employment with a service for an additional 1.5 years after the traineeship is complete.

#### Eligibility criteria

**To be eligible, applicants meet all of the eligibility criteria:**

- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
- Be accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived.
- Live in the Illawarra and Wingecarribee regions and be committed to working in those regions.
- Be interested in pursuing a career in early childhood education to support young mob in their early education.
- Be committed to do the practical and theoretical components of the traineeship.

**Please provide evidence to support your eligibility for the program, this includes:**

- Proof of identity (for example, a driver's licence)
- Confirmation of Aboriginality (from a registered Aboriginal community organisation or an incorporated Aboriginal community organisation).
- Two documents to support residential address (more details below)
- An expression of interest (more details below)

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Please see [COVID-19 vaccination requirements here](#).

### Applicant information

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**Title \***

**First Name \***

**Middle Name**

**Last Name \***

**Date of Birth \***

Must be a date.

**Address \***

Address

  

Suburb State Postcode

Must be an Australian postcode.

**Are you a resident in the Illawarra or Wingecarribee region?**

**Email \***

Must be an email address.

**Primary Phone Number \***

Must be an Australian phone number.

**Alternate Phone Number**

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Must be an Australian phone number.

## Supporting documentation

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### Proof of Identity

#### **Proof of Identity (for example, a driver's licence) \***

Attach a file:

### Confirmation of Aboriginality

Please provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality document from a registered Aboriginal community organisation or an incorporated Aboriginal community organisation.

#### **Please attach a copy of your Confirmation of Aboriginality \***

Attach a file:

A letter of Confirmation from a registered Aboriginal community organisation or an incorporated Aboriginal community organisation.

### Proof of residential address

Documents to support proof of your residential address must have been issued by a government authority, utility company or financial institution. The document must have your first and last name, your current address, a date and a unique reference number (for example an account number, invoice number or customer number). Utility bills older than three months will not be accepted. Examples of the types of documents that will be accepted include:

- Electricity or gas bill
- Bank statement
- Driver's licence
- Centrelink correspondence
- Mortgage statement
- Lease agreement

Where these cannot be provided, a statutory declaration which states your current address, how long you have lived there and any other supporting information will be accepted.

#### **Proof of address document 1: \***

Attach a file:

#### **Proof of address document 2: \***

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### Expression of Interest

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Please provide a brief (maximum 2 pages) expression of interest that details why you'd like to engage in early childhood education as a career and your commitment to undertaking the practical and theoretical components of the program

**Please upload a copy of your expression of interest \***

Attach a file:

#### Early Childhood Education and Care Services

There are currently 11 early childhood education and care (ECEC) services you can apply to work at.

**Please select your preferred ECEC service you would like to work at \***

**Please select your second preference**

**Please select your third preference**

#### After you submit your application

Shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview with the selected services. The early childhood education service will make the final decision on successful applications.

**The Department of Education, ECTARC, Illawarra and Wingecarribee Aboriginal Alliance Corporation (IWAAC) and your selected early childhood education and care (ECEC) service will review and assess applications. \***

I give permission for my application and personal details to be shared with IWAAC, ECTARC and ECEC services

### Certification and feedback

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### Certification

**I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct. \***

I agree

### Applicant feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

**How did you find out about this Grow Your Own traineeship? \***

**Did you participate in the Grow Your Own pre-employment program? \***

Yes

No

**If yes, can you describe how you found the program? e.g. was it engaging? How was the time frame? Were you supported throughout the pre-employment program?**

**Please indicate how you found the online application process: \***

Very easy  Easy  Neutral  Difficult  Very difficult

**How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?**

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

**Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.**