

TEAM ASPIRE

APPLICATION FORM

You'll find our application form in here.
There are 6 sections. Make sure
you complete them all.

TEAM ASPIRE REQUIREMENTS

The guiding principle for what makes a Team Aspire student is, one who shows potential for, or would benefit from support getting to higher education.

Team Aspire Student Characteristics

We are looking for students who:

WILLING - are willing to have a go and who with support, can step outside of their comfort zone

PASSION - show some passion and drive to make a difference to themselves and their community

CURIIOUS – are curious about life and learning and may see the value of further education

POTENTIAL - show potential for, or would benefit from continued education, including university

BENEFIT - identify with the mission of Team Aspire and would benefit from the program

TEAM PLAYER - are comfortable with being a team player and can demonstrate this capacity

Eligibility

To be part of the Team, you must meet the following criteria.

- A senior secondary student in the NT
- An Australian citizen or the holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa
- Have good school attendance (80%+)

Your commitment

To maintain your scholarship and membership to the A-Team you must agree and meet these three criteria:

1. Participation

- Participate in all parts of the Aspire program including the Coaching program, in-school workshops, online events and the Dry Season camp
- Spend your scholarship funds on educational purposes (see guidelines)
- Be prepared to imagine your future and set personal goals
- Participate at your school – attend and do your best to achieve reasonable academic results

2. Progress

- Provide your Mid-Year Update to the Aspire Team, on time
- Share your progress with us through school attendance, academic progress and progress in the Coaching Program

3. Communication

- Communicate with the Aspire Team – let us know of any changes including moving interstate/overseas or to another school
- Respond to Aspire staff through email, phone calls and messages
- Reach out for help/advice when needed
- Complete surveys/evaluations
- Connect with Team Aspire social media channels

- I have read and understood the requirements needed to be a part of Team Aspire

Student

Date

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name:

Last name:

Preferred name:

Current school:

Date of birth:

Country of birth:

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)?

- Aboriginal TSI
 Both No

Are you an Australian citizen?

- Yes No

Are you a Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder?

- Yes No

Current year level:

Factors that may impact your education:

- Disability Illness Family/Caring responsibilities Other (please specify)

English as a second language (ESL) _____ (specify)

Would you be the first in your family to study at university?

- Yes No?

Postal address:

Suburb/Town:

Post code:

Student home phone:

Student mobile:

Student email address:

3. PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First name:

Last Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Parent home / work phone:

Parent mobile:

Parent email:

Postal address:

Suburb/Town:

Post code:

Have you or your spouse/partner completed (or studying) an undergraduate university degree (Bachelor course)?

How many children (18 years and under) live in your household?

Yes

No?

Parent/Guardian release of information authorisation

I _____ (parent name), authorise Team Aspire to obtain and release information about my young person, _____ (student name), to and from his/her school and the nominated Team Aspire contact.

- I permit Team Aspire to communicate with school staff regarding my young person's progress and participation in the Team Aspire.
- I understand that this authorisation will extend through the duration of my young person's participation in the Team Aspire and into their first year of university should they choose to study at Charles Darwin University.
- I understand that this exchange of information is necessary for my young person to receive adequate support from Team Aspire.

Parent/Guardian's statement of intent/agreement

- I understand that being part of Team Aspire is an ongoing commitment
- I understand that for my young person to maintain the Aspire Scholarship, they must continue a commitment to school and get good attendance, as well as meet yearly requirements of Team Aspire.
- I will allow my young person to participate in compulsory Team Aspire activities throughout the program.
- I agree to avoid scheduling events, vacations or appointments during the dates and times of Team Aspire events wherever possible
- I understand it is the responsibility of both myself and my young person to notify Team Aspire of any changes to the circumstances of our family and my young person's educational situation. I give permission for CDU to contact my young person directly throughout the program e.g. via email, mobile phone and social media channels.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

4. REFEREE INFORMATION

Who's on your team?

We'd like to be introduced to a person who knows you well. It could be someone:

- from your school (eg. your favourite teacher?)
- An adult you connect with, who knows you well from outside of school - **cannot be family** (coach, social worker, doctor, pastor, tutor).

First name:

Last Name:

Referee email:

Referee phone:

How do you know this person?

Make sure you let them know that you've put them down as a referee. If you are shortlisted for Team Aspire, we will contact them.

5. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

This section is to ensure that Team Aspire can help the right people.

Please ensure that all parts of this application are completed and supporting evidence is attached.

Only applications completed in full will be considered.

Part A

Please attach a copy of your latest school report.

Note, it is not a condition of this program that you be a high academic achiever, but we do need to check your attendance and commitment to your education.

Part B

Please highlight the categories that relate to you and tick the evidence that you have provided.

These documents are not necessary to submit your application. Aspire is an equity support program that is designed to break down barriers to higher education and the more information we can have, the stronger your application will be.

Financial hardship - Attached document:

- Centrelink Statement
- Signed declaration describing the financial hardship you are experiencing

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander -

Attached document:

- Certificate of Aboriginality
- Letter from Land Council
- Statutory Declaration confirming your Aboriginality

First in Family to go to University - Attached document:

- Signed declaration from a parent/guardian explaining that you would be the first in your family to go to university for a higher education degree

Geographical Remoteness - Attached document:

- Official letter with your name and home address on it

Refugee Background - Attached document:

- Citizenship paperwork
- A letter of support from an agency you work with (ie. Melaleuca Refugee Centre)
- A signed declaration from a parent/guardian stating that you arrived into Australia as a refugee

Support Letter - Attached document:

- A letter of support from your school or support service identifying impacting factors to your education or attendance

6. TEAM ASPIRE CONTACTS AND SUBMISSION

This section is to ensure that you can reach out for help with your application and submission.

Email Team Aspire at aspire@cdu.edu.au with any questions.

Submit your application by **31st October** to aspire@cdu.edu.au.