

Barker Maritime Scholarship

Application Form

Award value:

\$10,000

Application closing date:

5pm (AEST)

Friday 12 September 2025

Email:

hunter.foundation@tafensw.edu.au

This scholarship is open to all employees of organisations who utilise the Port of Newcastle and who would like to advance their career, by pursuing further study at TAFE NSW.

Eligibility criteria

The applicant must:

be an employee of an organisation that utilises the Port of Newcastle

be committed to achieving their career goals
demonstrate an aptitude for the industry

seek the support of their employer before applying for the scholarship, and their employer must supply a supporting statement for the applicant

have the intention of completing a course of study at TAFE NSW, that will assist in advancing their career in the maritime industry e.g. a traditional maritime course, business, accounting or WHS course

be a resident of the Hunter Region or Central Coast local government areas

Please note that the applicant cannot hold another scholarship for the same course.

Important information

The application form should only be completed by the applicant.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an interview.

Please keep a copy of your application and attachments.

All applicants must agree to abide by the decision of the selection panel and no appeals will be entered into.

Application MUST include

Proof of residency in either the Hunter Region or Central Coast local government areas 

Employer endorsement 

Applicant's statement 

Part A - Applicant details

Family name: _____ First/other names: _____
Date of birth (dd/mm/yy): _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female
Postal address: _____
Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____
Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____
Course: _____ Campus: _____

Part B - Declaration

- I declare that the information supplied on this form and attached documents are true and correct.
- I authorise Hunter TAFE Foundation to access details of my enrolment record for the purpose of assessing my application.
- I authorise the release of this application and supporting documents to the selection panel convened to review all applications for this scholarship.
- I accept the selection panel's decision cannot be appealed and no correspondence concerning the decision will be entered into.
- In signing this declaration I acknowledge I have received, understood and accept the terms and conditions for the Barker Maritime Scholarship awarded by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, a copy of which was attached to the Barker Maritime Scholarship application form.

Applicant name

Applicant signature

Date

Privacy

The information provided by you on this nomination form and attachments will be used by TAFE NSW and the Hunter TAFE Foundation, for the purpose of administration, judging, and general communication in regards to the scholarship. Provision of this information is essential to determine your eligibility for consideration of the scholarship. Information will be stored securely. If you do not provide all information, then your application may not be eligible for entry.

Part C - Applicant statement

Please respond to the following questions (250-400 words per question)

Outline your short and long term career goals.

Outline how your intended course of study would support and advance your career in the maritime industry.

 If there is insufficient space to provide a response to each question, please attach your responses to the application form.

Part D - Education details

What is the highest level of education you have successfully completed?

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| University | TAFE | |
| Year 12 or equivalent | Year 11 or equivalent | Year 10 or equivalent |
| Year 9 or equivalent | Year 8 or equivalent | Never attended school |

In the table below list any course you have completed

Course Name	Level	Institution	State/Country	Year Completed

Part E - Employer Endorsement

Company:

Contact Name:

Position:

Contact Number:

Email:

Do you endorse your employee's application for this scholarship? Yes No

Please respond to the following:

Applicant's skills and aptitude for the job

Applicant's knowledge of safety

Applicant's attendance record

Applicant's problem solving and resolution skills

Applicant's teamwork skills

Applicant's attitude and initiative

Applicant's potential to advance in the maritime industry



If there is insufficient space to provide a response to each question, please attach your responses to the application form.

Part F - Additional Information



Please feel free to outline and attach any additional information that you feel may support your application, i.e. hobbies, reports from teachers, résumé, testimonials, volunteer work, written references, etc.

Part G - How did you hear about this Scholarship?

Received an email from TAFE NSW

Searching TAFE NSW website

Social media post – please indicate which social media channel:

Teacher informed me

Other - please provide details:

Email your completed form and any attachments to hunter.foundation@tafensw.edu.au or click on the “Submit Form” button. Save a copy of this application for your records.

1.0 Establishment and purpose

- 1.1 The Barker Maritime Scholarship was established in 2008, by the late Don Barker and the Barker family. This scholarship is intended to recognise, encourage, and offer financial support to employees associated with the maritime industry in Newcastle, to further their education at TAFE NSW.
- 1.2 The Barker Maritime Scholarship is funded by the Barker family and managed by the Hunter TAFE Foundation.
- 1.3 A selection panel will be established comprising of representatives from TAFE NSW to recommend a recipient to the Barker family.
- 1.4 One (1) Barker Maritime Scholarship up to the value of \$10,000, will be awarded by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, and will be tenable for two (2) years.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 **“Applicant”** means an individual who applies for a Barker Maritime Scholarship, by completing and submitting an application form in accordance with the application process.
- 2.2 **“Application”** means an application for a Barker Maritime Scholarship made by an applicant, in accordance with these terms and conditions.
- 2.3 **“Application form”** means the form which must be completed by the applicant and is available at tafensw.edu.au/scholarships.
- 2.4 **“Application process”** means the process set out in clause 3.0 of these terms and conditions, as amended or varied by the Hunter TAFE Foundation from time to time, in its sole discretion.
- 2.5 **“Barker Maritime Scholarship”** means a financial scholarship up to a maximum value of \$10,000 awarded by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, in accordance with these terms and conditions.
- 2.6 **“Eligible applicant”** means an applicant who meets the criteria for eligibility, for the awarding of a Barker Maritime Scholarship, as set out in clause 4.0 of these terms and conditions.
- 2.7 **“Scholarship offer and acceptance form”** means the form that must be completed by the successful applicant and is to be issued by the Hunter TAFE Foundation.
- 2.8 **“Scholarship recipient”** means the successful applicant who accepts the Barker Maritime Scholarship, by completing and returning a Barker Maritime Scholarship offer and acceptance form, in accordance with the process set out in clause 6.0 of these terms and conditions.
- 2.9 **“Selection panel”** means a panel comprising of representatives from TAFE NSW to recommend a recipient to the Barker family.
- 2.10 **“Successful applicant”** means an eligible applicant who is offered a Barker Maritime Scholarship by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, in accordance with the processes set out in clause 5.0 of these terms and conditions.

3.0 Application process

- 3.1 An applicant must complete an application form and submit it to the Hunter TAFE Foundation by the required closing date.
- 3.2 The applicant must acknowledge and accept the Barker Maritime Scholarship terms and conditions, by signing and dating the declaration on the application form.
- 3.3 Upon receipt of an application form, the Hunter TAFE Foundation will complete an initial review of the application form to ensure that all required information has been provided by the applicant.
- 3.4 Provided all aspects of an application are correctly completed by the applicant, the application will be referred to the selection panel for its assessment and determination.
- 3.5 The selection panel may, at its sole discretion, confer with the Hunter TAFE Foundation and/or TAFE NSW, to confirm the suitability of an Applicant.

4.0 Applicant eligibility for Award of Barker Maritime Scholarship

- 4.1 A Barker Maritime Scholarship may be awarded to an eligible applicant, who has completed and lodged an application form, and who, as determined by the selection panel (in its sole discretion), satisfies all of the following criteria:
 - 4.1.1 Is committed to achieving their career goals and demonstrates aptitude for the industry.
 - 4.1.2 Has sought support from their employer before applying for the scholarship, and the employer has supplied a supporting statement for the applicant.
 - 4.1.3 Has the intention of completing a course of study at TAFE NSW that would assist in the advancement of their career within the maritime industry. For example, either a traditional maritime course, or a business, accounting, or work health and safety course.
 - 4.1.4 Is a resident of the Hunter region or Central Coast local government areas.
 - 4.1.5 Does not hold another scholarship for the same course, of equivalent or more substantial value.
- 4.2 Incomplete application forms will not be considered by the selection panel.
- 4.3 The Hunter TAFE Foundation is under no obligation to attempt to contact any applicant who incorrectly completes and/or submits an application form, and will, at his or her discretion, contact an applicant on not more than two (2) occasions in an effort to obtain information which is missing, or has not been completed correctly, on an application form. Should all required information not be provided, the application will be withdrawn by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, and notice sent to the applicant.

Please retain a copy of these terms and conditions for future reference.

5.0 Offer and acceptance

- 5.1 The selection panel, in its sole discretion, will determine the successful applicant.
- 5.2 The successful applicant will be notified by telephone and email, and will be sent the scholarship offer and acceptance form.
- 5.3 Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email. A successful applicant must complete and return the scholarship offer and acceptance form as soon as possible, and as a pre-condition to payment of the Barker Maritime Scholarship.
- 5.4 For the avoidance of doubt, a successful applicant acknowledges and agrees that the awarding of a Barker Maritime Scholarship is conditional upon signing the scholarship offer and acceptance form, and it returning to the Hunter TAFE Foundation.

6.0 Award and payment

- 6.1 Following the successful applicant's completion, and return, of the scholarship offer and acceptance form, the Barker Maritime Scholarship will be presented to the successful applicant.
- 6.2 The Barker Maritime Scholarship is tenable for up to two (2) years.
- 6.3 The Barker Maritime Scholarship will contribute to the cost of further study at TAFE NSW and associated professional development, which will be paid by the Hunter TAFE Foundation on behalf of the scholarship recipient.

7.0 Conditions of the scholarship

- 7.1 The scholarship recipient acknowledges and agrees that the following conditions apply to the award of the Barker Maritime Scholarship:
 - 7.1.1 The Hunter TAFE Foundation reserves the right to withdraw any unpaid monies, or request repayment of monies awarded, should the successful recipient withdraw from studies, or not successfully complete (or fail to meet) any of the requirements as outlined in these terms and conditions (as determined by the Hunter TAFE Foundation).
 - 7.1.2 On request by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, the scholarship recipient must provide an update on how the Barker Maritime Scholarship assisted them in their education at TAFE NSW and on their career journey.
 - 7.1.3 The scholarship recipient must agree to be available for promotional and marketing photography in line with TAFE NSW's Authority to Publish.
 - 7.1.4 Any decision by the selection panel regarding an application is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
 - 7.1.5 The scholarship recipient is expected to be an ambassador for the Hunter TAFE Foundation, upholding the values of TAFE NSW, and behaving in accordance with the TAFE NSW Student Code of Conduct, at all times.

8.0 Variation

- 8.1 The Hunter TAFE Foundation may vary these terms and conditions, or any form or process referred to herein, at any time and without notice.