

Breaking Barriers Scholarship

The Nicole Gazey, Breaking Barriers Scholarship is proudly supported by SEDA College WA

The Purpose

Breaking Barriers

Nicole is a strong advocate for accessible and equitable education. She is passionate about creating opportunities to level the education playing field so that every young person has the opportunity to achieve their true potential. The Nicole Gazey, Breaking Barriers Scholarship supports recipients to go beyond barriers that may impede their learning and development. The scholarship provides necessary support and/or resources to assist them to achieve personal success during their SEDA College WA (the College) journey.

To support students to push past any learning and development barriers, The Nicole Gazey, Breaking Barriers Scholarship is proudly supported by the SEDA College WA Board, in recognising the contributions of our past College Board Chairperson.

The Scholarship

Scholarship recipients will receive:

- > **Scholarship Value:** up to \$5,000 per year of the College's student fees in Year 11 and Year 12

The Criteria

Applicants must meet the below scholarship criteria:

- > Apply and be eligible to enrol to at SEDA College WA at the commencement of Year 11 of the applicant.
- > Be young individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - o **Neurodiversity:** Individuals who are neurodiverse including but not limited to those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette syndrome, or other development and learning difficulties.
 - o **Mental Health Challenges:** Individuals who experience mental health challenges that significantly affect their daily life.
 - o **Disability:** Individuals with a physical or intellectual disability.
 - o **Impact of Trauma:** Individuals who have been significantly impacted by trauma or family-related issues including but not limited to:
 - Estranged from biological parents
 - Experiences of domestic violence and or abuse
 - Disruptive home life
 - Poverty
 - Victim of war

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The Application

- > Provide a video (maximum of five minutes), or letter (maximum two A4 pages) addressing:
 - o **Indicate Potential:** Applicants must exhibit promise and potential for success in their chosen field at SEDA College WA.
 - o **Demonstrate Commitment to Overcoming Challenges:** Applicants must demonstrate resilience, humility and determination in overcoming obstacles that may impede their learning and development.
 - o **Personal Circumstance:** Scholarship recipients must provide a personal statement (letter or video) and supporting documentation outlining their circumstances and how the scholarship will help them to go beyond the challenges they face.

- > Complete and submit the Scholarship application form.

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