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## **Record student numbers and donations as student scholarships open for 2017**

Student numbers continue to grow at GUC with more than 300 students expected to be studying in 2017. With the record number of students, the Hollomby Foundation, thanks to its generous donors, will offer \$70,000 worth of scholarships to assist students to study in the Mid West next year.

"Scholarships are already oversubscribed so with more students, the ability to offer more support through scholarships is most welcome. The Hollomby Foundation scholarships address a definite need and help reduce the financial barriers to study that some people face," stated GUC Director, Natalie Nelmes.

Hollomby Foundation scholarships assist not only the region's local talent to be able to study locally but also recognise their academic commitment, community participation, future aspirations and of course, financial need.

"Scholarships can help students to cover the cost of books (sometimes as much as \$500 a semester), the home internet connections vital to keeping up with their study or a lap top to study with. For some students, they are also required to travel from towns within a 2 hour radius of Geraldton and that fuel expense mounts up," explained Ms Nelmes.

The Hollomby Foundation is named after the late Joe Hollomby, affectionately known as the 'shortbread man', who raised over \$1 million for charities and local organisations as well as people in need, baking and selling shortbread and apple pies. The Hollomby Foundation was established for the advancement of tertiary education in our region and supports Mid West students to fulfil their educational dreams.

2017 Hollomby Foundation Scholarships have been made possible by the following generous donors;

*Deepdale Bursary, St John of God Health Care Geraldton, RSM Geraldton, The Horwood Family, Greenough River Solar Farm, Mid West Development Commission, City of Greater Geraldton, Shire of Irwin, Shire of Northampton, Ian Blayney MLA, Darren West MLC, Paul Brown MP, Bendigo Bank, Bundiyarra Community Aboriginal Corporation, Rotary Club of Batavia Coast and MidWest Art Management.*

For a list of scholarships and application details click here;  
<http://www.guc.edu.au/students/scholarships-3/>

### **Applications are open until 5pm Wednesday 8 March 2017.**

Applications for 2017 entry into Accounting, Business, Education (Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary), Environmental Science, Psychological Science, and Social Work close 20 February. Applications for 2017 entry into Graduate Diploma of Education and Engineering close 6 February. Nursing and STEPS applications have closed for Term 1 2017 entry. *For further information please contact the GUC on 9920 4400, email [brendanp@guc.edu.au](mailto:brendanp@guc.edu.au) or visit [www.guc.edu.au/courses/](http://www.guc.edu.au/courses/)*

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