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Dear Professor Dawkins

Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and BHP Billiton Iron Ore 2013 Tertiary Scholarships

Toward the end of last year we wrote announcing the partnership between AIEF and BHP Billiton Iron Ore to provide Tertiary Scholarships for Indigenous students studying Engineering or other mining related disciplines.

We have now finalised the details of the Scholarships, and can confirm that they will cover:

- payment of residential accommodation, meals and other expenses at a university residential college of choice, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per annum;
- an annual stipend of up to \$2,000 per annum for text books and other materials, or other education-related expenses such as field trips;
- a living allowance of up to \$6,000 per annum;
- an allowance of up to \$2,000 per annum for compulsory fees;
- vacation internships and (following successful completion of degree) a place on the Graduate Program at BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Western Australia; and
- professional development and career pathways events with AIEF, with a focus on networking, skills and career development.

We are now seeking Scholarship candidates for the 2013 academic year. This may include students who are already part way through an eligible course of study (see eligible degree list below). To be eligible for an AIEF-BHPBIO Tertiary Scholarship, a student must:

- be an Australian resident;
- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and be able to provide supporting evidence of their Indigenous identity;
- be enrolled full time to study an eligible degree at an Australian university or have selected an eligible degree as a first preference;
- be accepted into a residential college;
- demonstrate strong academic achievement and potential;
- not be in receipt of any other scholarship, cadetship or similar support unless agreed by AIEF;
- be willing to go through police clearance and other checks as required by BHPBIO;
- be enthusiastic about a career in the mining industry; and

- be willing to accept a role on the BHPBIO vacation and graduate programs in Perth or the Pilbara, Western Australia.

Students who are studying the following degrees will be eligible:

- Engineering - Civil
- Engineering - Control Systems
- Engineering - Electrical
- Engineering - Environmental
- Engineering - Geotechnical
- Engineering - Mechanical
- Engineering - Mechatronic
- Engineering - Metallurgy
- Engineering - Minerals Processing
- Engineering - Mining (Open Cut) (Minerals Processing or Metallurgy)
- Engineering - Mining
- Science - Chemistry
- Science - Earth (Geology) (Geology/Geoscience, Earth Sciences, Science/Applied Science with major in Geology/Geoscience)
- Science - Environmental (Environmental Science/Health, Environmental Management, Science with major in Ecology or Environmental Studies)
- Science - Hydrology (Geology, Hydrogeology, Environmental Science, Civil Engineering)
- Science - Spatial (Surveying)
- Other mining-related degrees as approved by AIEF.

We would love for you to direct any eligible students to <http://www.aief.com.au/scholarships/aief-bhpbio-tertiary-scholarships.aspx> where they can find the Scholarship Information Brochure and Application Pack. Please note that applications for the AIEF-BHPBIO Scholarships close on **Friday, 30 November 2012**.

Additionally, should you be aware of any student who is currently already living in residential college accommodation, is studying an eligible degree and may be interested in being considered for an AIEF-BHPBIO Scholarship in 2012, we would recommend they contact AIEF as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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