

Key Facts – The Pinnacle Foundation

What does The Pinnacle Foundation do?

The Pinnacle Foundation is Australia's LGBTQIA+ education charity.

Our flagship program funds multi-year scholarships for LGBTQIA+ Australians aged between 18 and 26 to undertake public tertiary studies in their chosen field. Every scholar is matched with a mentor who has walked the scholar's path and provides the benefit of their experience, counsel and inspiration to support the scholar's rounded development and successful completion of their studies.

The Pinnacle Foundation also partners with The University of Sydney to deliver the [LGBTQIA+ Executive Fellowship - The University of Sydney Business School](#).

Why is The Pinnacle Foundation's flagship scholarships and mentoring program needed?

There are significant economic and social costs to society associated with young people not completing their education.

Education often goes by the wayside for young LGBTQIA+ Australians who have grown up in unsafe or unsupportive environments.

The Pinnacle Foundation program provides financial resources, mentoring support and opportunities to young adults in the LGBTQIA+ community to complete their education – empowering them to become leaders in their fields and enabling them to give back to society themselves.

Why is the LGBTQIA+ Executive Fellowship needed?

Many people who grow up as part of a minority do their best to fit in, sometimes learning behaviours to achieve this – such as people pleasing. These behaviours may help to a certain point but then become obstacles to achieving roles at executive level and on boards. The LGBTQIA+ Executive Fellowship has been specially designed to build the leadership capabilities of LGBTQIA+ leaders and unlearn unhelpful behaviours.

What does a Pinnacle Foundation scholarship cover?

Pinnacle Foundation scholarships primarily cover study-related expenses such as textbooks, laptops etc. A percentage of scholarship funds awarded may be spent on living expenses including rent, groceries, and utilities.

How is The Pinnacle Foundation funded?

The Pinnacle Foundation relies on the generosity of its donors and corporate and philanthropic partners, combined with the contributions of skilled and dedicated volunteers across the nation and a small staff to deliver the Pinnacle program.

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