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## **CLOSING DATES APPROACH FOR 100 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR 2006**

Territorians are urged to apply for 100 Territory Government Scholarships and Student Teacher Bursaries for 2006 as cut-off dates for applications are fast approaching Education Minister Syd Stirling said today

“These scholarships and bursaries further highlight Government’s commitment to providing Territorians with opportunities and encourage them to stay and work in the Territory,” he said.

“This is really targeting locals and applications for the respective scholarships and bursaries must have resided in the Territory for a minimum for 2-years.”

The Territory Government – through Department of Employment, Education and Training – will be awarding 40 Higher Education scholarships worth \$3500 per annum to school leavers undertaking full-time degree studies in 2006.

Up to 40 Vocational, Education and Training (VET) scholarships valued at \$4000 will also be awarded to Territorians studying Certificate III to Diploma level courses with an emphasis on skill shortages and labour demand.

In addition, up to 20 Student Teacher Bursaries are available for Territorians taking on a teaching degree in the Northern Territory. The bursaries are valued at \$12 000, and are part of a Territory Government initiative to attract more locals into the teaching profession.

Application forms and further information including the conditions can be obtained by visiting [www.deet.nt.gov.au/training/scholarships\\_bursaries/](http://www.deet.nt.gov.au/training/scholarships_bursaries/)

Closing dates for applications are:

- Student Teacher Bursaries – 6 January 2006
- VET Scholarships – 27 January 2006
- Higher Education Scholarships – 3 February 2006

“By improving our skills base and assisting our youth to succeed, the Territory will continue to grow and prosper economically and socially,” Mr Stirling said.

“This is a great opportunity for Territorians and I urge people to apply quickly before time runs out.”

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