

Future Leaders Scholarship



2026 Scholarship Nominations Now Open

WALGA Training is proud to launch the Future Leaders Scholarship

The **Future Leaders Scholarship** provides Local Government organisations with an opportunity to invest in emerging talent through the LGA50120 Diploma of Local Government.

Six scholarships are available across metropolitan and regional WA, supporting workforce development and career progression across the sector.

LGA50120 Diploma of Local Government

The LGA50120 Diploma of Local Government is the ideal pathway for Local Government Officers to transform their experience into expertise. As a new offering, this course was developed based on extensive sector consultation that identified skill gaps and staff shortages. Uniquely, this is the only course of its kind delivered in Western Australia, providing a tailored and exclusive learning experience for Local Government Officers in the region.

This course equips participants to navigate the complexities of Local Government legislation. Participants will learn how to confidently interpret and apply governance principles to meet compliance requirements, contribute effectively to policy and procedure development, identify and manage workplace risks, and engage efficiently with the community and other stakeholders.

For those interested in Town Planning, the Diploma offers a specialised stream. Participants will learn planning schemes and instruments, how to undertake minor planning assessments, and understand heritage and cultural assets management. The specialisation enhances the core competencies provided by the Diploma and ensures officers are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of planning legislation within Local Government.

Course Overview

The Diploma of Local Government is nationally recognised within the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) and consists of 12 Units of Competency (UoC), five (5) core and seven (7) elective units.

Commencement:	Thursday, 3 September 2026
Duration:	Approx. 18 months <i>Scholarship must be completed within 24 months</i>
Attendance:	Participants are required to attend 4 weekly 3.5-hour virtual classroom sessions via Zoom for each Unit of Competency (UoC). Additionally, participants enrolled in the Town Planning stream must attend a two-day in-person workshop held at WALGA's offices at the commencement of the Town Planning units.
Time Commitment:	In addition to attending the training, participants need to allow for approx. 10 hours per week for reading and research and preparing for individual assessment tasks for each (UoC).
Scholarships:	• 2 x Metro and/or Peel Scholarships • 4 x Regional Scholarships

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Eligibility Requirement:

To qualify for the **Future Leaders Scholarship**, applicants must:

- Be currently employed at a WA Local Government
- Have 3-5 years' experience in the Local Government or another sector

Application Requirements:

To apply for the **Future Leaders Scholarship**, you must submit the following:

- A statement about:
 - What motivated you to work in Local Government.
 - Brief overview of relevant education, professional experience and any recent development activities.
 - What specialisation you are applying for.
 - Your motivation and commitment for undertaking the Diploma.
 - A brief outline of your short- and long-term career goals and how the Diploma aligns with these aspirations.
- A current digital profile picture.

Scholarship Benefits:

- The scholarship will cover 25% of training and assessment fees up to the value of \$3,000.*

* The scholarship contribution is applied to the final term of study.

Terms and Conditions:

Scholarship students must commit to the agreed training schedule and attend all classes and submit assessments on the agreed due date. WALGA Training reserves the right to cancel the Scholarship enrolment due to poor attendance, non-submission of assessment work and unsatisfactory course progress.

How do I apply?

- Complete the Nomination Form
- Attach all supporting documents
- Email the completed form and documents through to: training@walga.asn.au

An outline of the full Diploma course is available on our website:

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Nominations open on Tuesday, 9 June 2026 and close Friday, 7 August 2026, 12:00pm.

If you have any further questions, please email training@walga.asn.au