

BRIAN SEIDLER AM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2026 APPLICATION DETAILS & GUIDELINES

Application Details

Applications for the Brian Seidler AM Memorial Scholarship open on 1 March 2026 and close on **31 August 2026**.

The scholarship is open to an apprentice, a woman, or an indigenous person working in the building and construction industry who has displayed exceptional efforts in accordance with the criteria established by the Guidelines.

The nominee must be an employee or Director of a business that is a member of a Master Builders State or Territory Association, or an employee of a Master Builders organisation.

The nominee must be nominated by a Director or CEO of a business that is a member of a Master Builders State or Territory Association, or a CEO of a Master Builders organisation.

The application must be sent to a State or Territory Master Builders organisation by no later than the close of applications. The organisation will validate membership of Master Builders and then forward the application on to the judging panel.

The application should include a covering letter from the nominator that provides an overview of the nominee, details about the nominator, including their Master Builders membership, and the key reasons why the applicant should be considered in accordance with the criteria.

The covering letter should be accompanied, as a minimum, with the following documentation:

- ▶ Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee.
- ▶ Letters of support from at least two (2) people, other than the nominator, who work with the nominee.
- ▶ Letter from the nominee accepting the nomination and outlining why they should be considered and agreeing to make themselves available for an interview if they progress to that level of the judging process.

Any other relevant information will also be considered by the judging panel.

In accordance with the criteria of the scholarship, it will only be awarded if the judging panel is satisfied that the exceptional level expected of a scholarship recipient has been met.

Applications should be forwarded to:

- ▶ Master Builders ACT:
canberra@mba.org.au
- ▶ Master Builders QLD:
ea@mbqld.com.au
- ▶ Master Builders Newcastle:
newcastle@mbansw.asn.au
- ▶ Master Builders NSW:
executive@mbansw.asn.au
- ▶ Master Builders NT:
ceo@mbant.com.au
- ▶ Master Builders SA:
marketing@mbasa.com.au
- ▶ Master Builders Tas:
ea@mbatas.org.au
- ▶ Master Builders VIC:
ceo@mbav.com.au
- ▶ Master Builders WA:
mba@mbawa.com

For more information about the scholarship, contact Master Builders Australia at:
ceo@masterbuilders.com.au

Guidelines



About the Scholarship

This scholarship is named after Brian Seidler AM, who was employed by the Master Builders Association of NSW for over 40 years and held the role of Executive Director for 25 years. He passed in March 2025 while still in the role.

Brian was a champion of supporting those who faced challenges in the building and construction industry, with a particular passion to foster the careers of apprentices, women, and indigenous people, along with combating mental health issues.

Brian was truly dedicated to the industry and the ongoing uplift of the industry. His energy, tenacity, and high values are all attributes that made him an outstanding leader in the building and construction industry.

Brian also championed the Master Builders Federation. While very focused on what was important to NSW, he also recognised the critical importance of all the Master Builders organisations around the country working together under the banner of Master Builders Australia on national issues.

The Brian Seidler AM Memorial Scholarship seeks to recognise those who Brian strongly supported, who also display his drive and vision for the industry at a national level.

Eligibility

- ▶ For exceptional efforts in the building and construction industry by an apprentice, a woman, or an indigenous person.

Criteria

- ▶ Open to any person working in the building and construction industry in Australia who is an apprentice, a woman, and/or an indigenous person.
- ▶ That they display excellence in their field of work.
- ▶ That they display a passion for working in the building and construction industry.
- ▶ That they are an inspiration to others through their drive, tenacity and strongly held values.
- ▶ That they strive to improve the culture of their workplace that would be seen as an exemplar to encourage more apprentices/women/indigenous people to work in the building and construction industry.
- ▶ That they work with an employer who is a member of a Master Builders Association, or they are a director of a company who is a member of a Master Builders Association.

Judging

- ▶ A judging panel will be established by the Board of Master Builders Australia in accordance with the judging panel protocols.
- ▶ The National Office will assess the applications against the criteria and shortlist the candidates to ten (10).
- ▶ The judging panel will consider the ten (10) for a next round shortlist of three (3) candidates.
- ▶ The three (3) final candidates are interviewed by the judging panel via video conference.
- ▶ The judging panel will only award the scholarship if someone is recognised that have met the high standards expected by the criteria.

Award

- ▶ Recipient To be awarded \$10,000 for use in approved training purposes (to be negotiated with the recipient).