

# Elders Recognition Policy and Application Form



## PURPOSE

The aim of the Elders Recognition Program is to recognise Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders who have reached the age of 60, 70, 80 and 90 years old, and meet the eligibility criteria below. No cash will be paid to individuals.

Access to your Elders payment can be taken as instalments over a period until the approved amount has been fully spent.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

- FWCAC registered member
- Aboriginal people currently living in the Native Title Determination area for at least 10 years.

## WHAT MAY BE FUNDED?

- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,500 once they have turned 60 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,125 once they have turned 65 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,125 once they have reached 70 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,125 once they have turned 75 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,125 once they have reached 80 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders may apply to purchase goods/services to the value of \$1,125 once they have turned 85 years of age.
- Far West Coast Aboriginal Elders are encouraged to apply once they reach 90 years of age, will be determined at the discretion of the General Manager & FWCAC Board.

## WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

- Funding for People who have not reached the specified age.
- Family members applying on behalf of the member.
- No posthumous/retrospective payments will be made.
- Alcohol, gambling or tobacco products
- Direct payment of cash/bank deposit to individuals
- Reimbursement of costs already paid by or on behalf of the applicant
- Hire vehicles, taxis and Uber services, vehicle mileage for travel

## **MANDATORY CRITERIA**

In considering and assessing applications, the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation requires applicants to meet all of the mandatory criteria set out in its Funding Policy. Additional conditions are:

- The applicant is to provide valid identification that confirms date of birth.
- This application is restricted to applicants residing in South Australia only.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applications for funding must:

- Be in writing and in the approved application form as provided by the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation.
- Nominate the amount of funding assistance required.
- Allow FWCAC adequate time to process the application.
- Be submitted to the mailbox or email address on the application form.
- Address the mandatory criteria outlined in the policy.

## **POLICY GUIDELINES**

- Where other agencies have specialised responsibilities to provide funding, FWCAC staff may redirect members to those agencies for assistance.
- Applications will be subject to the policy and funding criteria at the time the application is lodged.
- The FWCAC board sets an annual budget per policy once the expenditure has exceeded its annual allocation, funding assistance may be declined.
- FWCAC funding is a contribution toward the cost, not necessarily the whole cost.
- Payment is made to suppliers only.

## ELDERS RECOGNITION APPLICATION FORM



### 1. Applicant

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

 

Residential /Postal Address

  

Phone

Email

Are you a registered member of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (please circle)?

Yes / No – Please list your parents/grandparents (below)

Please list below any or other Native Title Groups you are associated or registered with?

### 2. Supporting Documents

**\*\* ID Attached (Birth Certificate/Drivers License)\*\***

Please attach supporting documents such as quotes

| Description of expenses | Name of supplier (who is being paid?) | Date Required | Amount Required |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                         |                                       |               | \$              |
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### 3. Applicant's Declaration

- I acknowledge that staff from the FWCAC will make enquiries about this application
- I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.
- I authorise FWCAC staff to make enquiries to any other agency or organisation to assist with my application for funding.

Signed

Date

 

Please return the completed application form to:

**Post:** Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation  
PO Box 596  
CEDUNA SA 5690

**In Person:** Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation  
62 Poynton Street  
CEDUNA SA 5690

**Email:** [administration@fwcac.org.au](mailto:administration@fwcac.org.au)

**Phone:** (08) 8625 3340