



# Nyiyaparli Young Leaders Program 2026

Following last years highly successful Nyiyaparli Young Leaders program, the KNAC Board of Directors is pleased to offer up to 10 scholarships for Nyiyaparli people to participate in the 2026 Nyiyaparli Young Leaders Program.

*Artwork by Hester Fay Stream*

Last year's participants have all gone on to increase their participation and leadership activity within the Nyiyaparli Community. Why not reach out to Noel Taylor, Shikiara Stone, Rhiannon Dunn or Darius Parker and ask them about their experiences last year. You might get to yarn with them as they continue to support the program!

This year's program is again aimed at Young Nyiyaparli Leaders between the ages of 20 to 35 years of age. We are looking to support our emerging leader improve their confidence and skills to lead in a variety of community, committee, on country and corporate settings. Participants will have the chance to engage in meaningful discussions and workshops on what it means to be a Nyiyaparli Leader with KNAC Directors and other Aboriginal leaders.

The program is made up of 5 half day group workshops hosted in South Hedland, Perth and on country on dates negotiated with successful applicants. Regular mentoring and support will be provided, including up to 5 hours of online coaching sessions and access to individualised leadership resources. It has been co-designed by KNAC and Integral.

Participants are expected to commit to the program with active engagement, regular attendance, clear communication and feedback. The program will conclude with a short presentation to the KNAC Board of Directors in November.

Starts  
July  
2026

Scholarships include program expenses including travel, accommodation and resources needed to successfully complete the program.

Answer these questions and return to KNAC CEO, Cate Ballantyne, at [ceo@karlka.com.au](mailto:ceo@karlka.com.au) by 1 June 2026

TO  
APPLY:

Your responses will be sent to the KNAC Board for consideration. Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview to discuss their application.

Up to 10 scholarships will be offered for participation in the program.

- Why are you applying to this program?
- What interests you in participating in this program?
- How will you benefit personally and professionally if selected for the program?
- Are there any barriers for you to participate in this program?
- What organisations and communities do you currently contribute to? (for example, you help in your local community and you're a caregiver to your extended family.)
- What do you most need from your coach or mentor in this program?
- Where do you see yourself in 6 months? (for example, better contributing to your work, family or community.)
- What would being a Young Nyiyaparli Leader look like to you?
- Is there anything else that you'd like to share about yourself or ask about this program?

Please contact Cate for more information or assistance at: [ceo@karlka.com.au](mailto:ceo@karlka.com.au)

