



## **Media Release**

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### **Calling Young Local Talent**

Western Chances, a scholarship program based exclusively in the western suburbs, is calling for nominations of local young talent.

From 8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2007, young people will have the opportunity to be nominated for an annual grant from Western Chances, enabling them to pursue career objectives and enhance their natural talents.

Terry Bracks, founding Chair of Western Chances, said this was a unique opportunity for members of the community to highlight the talent of young people and give them a hand up to pursue their individual educational and career goals.

“Western Chances is asking members of the community to nominate young people in the western suburbs for a scholarship to enhance their ongoing educational and career goals,” Mrs Bracks said.

“A Western Chances Scholarship includes an annual grant which enables a Scholarship Recipient to pursue their career objectives year on year, should their circumstances remain the same,” she said.

Each scholarship is worth approximately \$1000 and can be presented in a number of ways depending on the recipient’s needs and specific talent.

“Currently, Western Chances supports 385 scholarship recipients on an ongoing basis, with a total of 819 scholarship grants awarded since 2003/04,” Mrs Bracks said.

“Scholarships can be presented in many forms, depending on the young persons needs, such as text books, computers, transport fares and musical instruments,” she added.

Nominations for a Western Chances scholarship are assessed on an individual needs basis according to the criteria outlined at [www.westernchances.org.au](http://www.westernchances.org.au).

For more information please call Helen Worlidge, 0438 024 764 or visit [www.westernchances.org.au](http://www.westernchances.org.au).

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