Northern Territory school leavers and trainees will receive a vital financial helping hand as they take their next steps towards transitioning into the workforce thanks to the Territory Government’s Study Grants Program.

More than 50 students and trainees commencing study in 2016 will receive over $290,000 in scholarships.

Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles said applications are now open for the grants which are designed to provide assistance to students while they study at the certificate, diploma and degree level.

“The NT needs a skilled workforce to meet the growing needs of local businesses, industries and major projects and we continue to support over 180 continuing students with these grants,” Mr Styles said.

“Training Territorians to fill this need is a major priority for the Giles Government.

“In particular, the VET scholarships will be assessed with strong consideration given to applicants studying in areas of skill shortages and labour demand in the Territory.”

The Study Grants include:

- 40 Higher Education scholarships worth $5,000 per year available to eligible Year 12 school leavers to undertake full time degrees. These scholarships are awarded by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (or equivalent) with the top 10 applicants receiving an additional $1,500 in the first year of study.

- 15 Vocational Education and Training (VET) scholarships worth up to $5,000 available to eligible Territorians studying Certificate IV to Advanced Diploma level courses.

- The $3,000 Bernie Kilgariff Memorial Scholarship available to an Alice Springs student undertaking tertiary studies in a medical or health-related field. The Bernie Kilgariff Memorial Scholarship is named after former Northern Territory Senator Bernie Kilgariff. The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 2011 to Alice Springs student Ms Taylor Tilbrook who went on to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy.
For more information or to apply for a Study Grant visit www.nt.gov.au/trainingprograms.

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