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2024

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LOW INCOME EQUITY GRANT A

This grant supports full time students who are experiencing financial hardship. It is designed to assist with living expenses and is means-tested.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be:

- a) Domestic students (that is, not studying on an overseas student visa)
- b) An active member of a Christian community
- c) Able to supply a character reference from their pastor, or Christian community leader
- d) Able to meet the means test requirements for the age-appropriate Centrelink student benefit but be ineligible to receive the benefit for some other reason
OR
fail the means test for the Centrelink student benefit but have extenuating circumstances
- e) Taking reasonable steps to maximise their (household) income
- f) Able to demonstrate financial hardship in spite of sound budgeting practices

Notes

Students are not eligible for grants while replacing credit points from units they have previously failed.

Grant Details

A grant offer will:

- (i) Generally be set at an amount commensurate with the relevant Centrelink student benefit
- (ii) Generally be for a period of one year with the option to reapply
- (iii) Lapse if the recipient fails to enrol in at least two units every semester or if they take leave or withdraw from their award. If there are extenuating circumstances a student who has previously held a grant may apply to have the grant reinstated after a period of leave, provided the leave was taken under normal University of Divinity rules
- (iv) Be made to the student in writing and accepted in writing before the first payment is made

Other Information

- (v) The grant will be paid (by EFT) in two lump sums per year, shortly after census in each semester unless otherwise negotiated
- (vi) Applicants can apply to commence the assistance at any time, but must submit a new application with their semester 1 enrolment each year and provide evidence that they are still experiencing financial hardship at the start of semester 2. If the student does not re-enrol in any given semester, the payment will cease at the end of the previous semester and not recommence until the first week of the next semester in which the student enrolls
- (vii) It is the student's responsibility to inform the College if their financial circumstances change and they no longer require the grant. Failure to do so may result in the grant being cancelled

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Expectations

Grant recipients are expected to:

- (i) Be a positive role model and ambassador for Australian Lutheran College within the Lutheran Church and wider community
- (ii) Treat staff and other students with high levels of respect and display an inclusive attitude, helping to ensure that ALC is a safe environment in which to work and learn
- (iii) Make their studies a priority and maintain a solid grade point average
- (iv) Supply bank account details to enable the payment

Application Details

Potential applicants should meet with the business manager in the first instance to discuss and provide evidence of their financial circumstances. (eligibility criteria d,e,f above)

Once the business manager has indicated that they should proceed to application, applications should be made using the online application process and should include:

- (i) A character reference from your pastor or Christian community leader
- (ii) A personal statement of no more than 500 words which addresses the question
 - a) Why you wanted to study and where you think the study might lead you
 - b) What has led to you needing financial support to complete your award
- (iii) Details of income and expenditure
 - a) Details of Centrelink income support payments you already receive
 - b) Details of household income and steps you are taking to maximise this
 - c) Your budgeting strategy and steps you are taking to minimise your expenses
- (iv) Other documentation you believe may support your application

Applications should be received by the official close of enrolment date in the semester of commencement. Late applications may be accepted by arrangement.





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