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# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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# LOW INCOME EQUITY GRANT B

This grant supports full time students who are experiencing financial hardship in the short term. 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 16 weeks, starting on the first day of a semester
- (iii) Lapse immediately if the student takes leave, withdraws from one or more units or demonstrates through overdue or poor quality work that they are not a bona fide student. This clause may be waived in exceptional circumstances
- (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 unless otherwise negotiated. The first sum will be paid shortly after census unless otherwise negotiated
- (vi) 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
- (vii) This grant is designed to assist students for a single semester, most often in order to complete the final semester of an award. If further study is desirable students should be seeking other ways of funding their living expenses for the additional period of study

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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 household income and steps you are taking to maximise this
  - b) 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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