

LCA Student Fund Guidelines

The LCA Student Fund is provided by the generous support of our congregations, Lutheran Women of Australia and bequests from individuals to help student who need financial help while studying at ALC in preparation for service in the Church.

The LCA Student Fund Committee will use the following guidelines when assessing applications and may revise these guidelines as needed.

Students applying for assistance must be able to demonstrate necessitate circumstances.

Guidelines for applying for either a grant or loan

Expenses that are covered by the fund

The fund will help students who are having financial difficulties in paying some of their household accounts:

- Utilities
- Rent
- Medical Expenses
- Car Repairs
- Travel to family in emergencies
- Unexpected expenses

Expenses not covered by the fund

- Children's School Fees and Child care expenses

Conditions on receiving of a grant

- If a student who has received a grant from the LCA Student Fund and subsequently does not work in a role related to their studies within the LCA or any of its agencies the student will have to pay the grant back when they finish their current tertiary education at ALC.
- Upon entering the full-time service of the LCA, a proportionate amount of the total assistance shall be written off for every year of completed service.
- The total amount of assistance shall be written off after the completion of 5 years minimum of full-time service in the LCA, or the equivalent thereof if part-time work only is available.
- If a student resigns from the LCA within the 5 years the grants will automatically become a loan and an agreement will be written and a repayment schedule agreed upon.

Conditions on receiving of a loan

- All loans will be agreed upon in writing with a repayment schedule prior to the loan being advanced to the student.
- When the student receives a loan and it states that the starting date for repayment is once they are installed a loan agreement and payment plan will be written up and signed by both when the loan is received.

Conditions on the requirements for repayment of a loan

- The LCA Student Fund Committee may exercise discretionary power to waive a debt.
- If a person dies and has not paid back their loan in full the LCA Student Fund Committee will write the loan off.

Guidelines for applying for a scholarship

Eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants must be new students or students returning to ALC studies after a period of at least three years and be:

- Domestic students (that is, not studying on an overseas student visa) enrolled in an award leading to service in the Church.
- An active member of a Christian community.
- Able to supply a character reference from their pastor, or Christian community leader.

Notes

- Preference will be given to applicants with a lower household income.
- Returning students are not eligible for fee reductions to replace credit points from units they have previously failed.
- Scholarships are only payable on the successful completion of a unit of study.