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2024

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LUTHERAN CHURCH OR AGENCY EMPLOYEE FEE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship supports students who are already employed in the congregations, schools, aged care facilities or other agencies of the church to become more qualified to exercise their existing role. It is a fee scholarship which pays up to 75% of the unit fees for the equivalent of one full time year of study.

Eligibility

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

- a) Current employees of a congregation or agency of the church
- b) Able to supply reference from their employer which comments on how the employee and the institution might benefit from the proposed study
- c) An active member of a Christian community
- d) Able to supply a character reference from their pastor, or Christian community leader
- e) Domestic students (that is, not studying on an overseas student visa)

Notes

- f) Students who are not paid employees but volunteers may be eligible in circumstances where they have a long term commitment to a role which under normal circumstances would be a paid role
- g) students are not eligible for fee reductions to replace credit points from units they have previously failed.
- h) Preference will be given to applicants with a lower household income

Scholarship Details

- (i) The scholarship will be paid by reimbursement within two weeks of a successful unit result being published. Where the student has initially paid the fee up front, this reimbursement will be made via EFT. Where the student has used FEE-HELP the reimbursement will be paid to the Australian Tax Office to be credited against the student's FEE-HELP loan
- (ii) The scholarship offer, including the % unit fee to be reimbursed, will be made to the student in writing and must be accepted before census date of the first unit
- (iii) The recipient must enrol in at least one unit every semester and the scholarship will lapse if the student takes leave or withdraws from their award. If there are extenuating circumstances a student who has previously held a scholarship may apply to have the scholarship reinstated after a period of leave, provided the leave was taken under normal University of Divinity rules
- (iv) No reimbursement will be made in circumstances where a student fails or withdraws from a unit. If the recipient withdraws from all their units before census in any given semester, they will be considered to be on leave and the provisions of (iii) will apply
- (v) The scholarship will lapse if the student fails or withdraws after census in more than one unit. ALC reserves the right to consider continuing the scholarship if there are extenuating circumstances
- (vi) ALC reserves the right to allocate a scholarship for a higher amount or longer period than that which is indicated

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Expectations

Scholarship 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 (continuing student scholarships have a GPA eligibility criteria)
- (iv) Supply bank account details and/or tax file numbers as requested to enable the reimbursement

Application Details

Applications should be completed using the online application form by the official close of enrolment date in the semester of commencement. Late applications may be accepted by arrangement.

In addition to the general information requested in the application form, applications should include:

- (i) A reference from the employer (see b) above
- (ii) A character reference from your pastor or Christian community leader (see d above)
- (iii) A personal statement of no more than 500 words which addresses the questions
 - a) Why you want to study and how the study might help you in your existing role
 - b) Why you believe you are a suitable recipient for the scholarship
 - c) What skills and circumstances do you have that means you are confident that your studies will be successful
- (iv) Other documentation you believe may support your application

Note that applicants for this scholarship are not required to submit details of their household income but if this information strengthens your application you should do so.



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