



## The Geelong Community Foundation Scholarship

The Geelong Community Foundation enables the people of the Geelong region to contribute to the long term benefit of their area by building community endowment, addressing needs through grant marketing and encouraging philanthropy. Since 2006, the Foundation has provided funding for scholarships to assist mature age students aged 24 years and over with the cost of enrolment, living costs and study to achieve their goals, at The Gordon.

### FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Five scholarships valued at \$2,000 will be awarded to successful applicants who demonstrate commitment and motivate to succeed in their studies at the Gordon.

#### 1. **Selection criteria:** Applicants must:

- be financially disadvantaged
- be aged 24 years or over
- have experienced unemployment and/ or financial hardship
- demonstrate keenness to overcome problems and succeed in their studies and find employment
- enrolled or enrolling in either full time or part time in a certificate, diploma, advanced diploma or degree course at the Gordon
- demonstrate initiative and commitment via either academic, work, community or personal life (e.g. Prior employment, community involvement, voluntary work)
- have no previous outstanding debt to the Gordon
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

#### 2. **Administration of scholarship:**

- applications for the scholarship will open on the Gordon website in November and will close in mid-February
- the scholarship will be managed by a selection committee comprising two representatives of the Gordon, in consultation with a representative from the Geelong Community Foundation
- all information supplied to the selection committee and to the appropriate student services and administration officers is treated as confidential
- in the event of insufficient suitable applicants, the committee has discretion to award less than the allocated scholarships in one year
- each scholarship is for the academic year in which it was awarded
- payments will be made at the Gordon's discretion

#### 3. **Conditions of award:**

- the mode of payment is at the discretion of the selection committee and may be altered in consultation with the recipient of the scholarship
- current outstanding fees to the Gordon can and may be deducted from the scholarship amount
- a scholarship is not transferable to another Institute
- each scholarship is to be spent on expenses associated with study
- each recipient is to use best endeavour to successfully complete the program of study

- the successful recipient will be required to accept their scholarship at an awards ceremony held in March or April

- each recipient must give at least one month's notice in writing in the event of any of the following:
  - transfer to another course within the Gordon
  - transfer to another Institute
  - transfer from full time study to part time study or vice versa

**4. Termination of award:**

The Gordon has discretion to terminate a scholarship and to recover payment in the event of:

- the behaviour of the recipient on or off campus is considered by the selection committee to bring disrepute upon the Scholarship or the Gordon
- the program of study is being undertaken with insufficient diligence or not in accordance with the terms of the Scholarship
- cancellation of enrolment/transfer to another Institute
- deferral of study in the year of award without suitable rationale

**5. Report Requirements:**

Each recipient will submit a written report at the end of the scholarship year. This report will include;

- the recipient's name, course of study and date of report
- a statement outlining how the grant was spent and how it assisted with furthering studies and career development (receipts to be kept for reference)
- a short written summary directed to the Geelong Community Foundation stating how the scholarship assisted them

Reports will be presented to The Geelong Community Foundation by the Gordon Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer.

**6. Agreement to Terms and Conditions**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Geelong Community Foundation Scholarship have read and accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship monies as outlined within this document.

I  do  do not  give permission for my photo to be used for promotional and/or reporting purposes by the Gordon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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