



Blue Moon Pet Services Scholarship

The Blue Moon Pet Services Scholarship was established in 2019 to encourage and support students pursuing a career in pet care. Founding owner Emma O'Dwyer created Blue Moon Pet Services to be more than a doggy day care centre; they also offer grooming, training, puppy school and even dog birthday parties. Nominated for Geelong Small Business of the Year Award in 2018, Blue Moon Pet Services provides a fun, safe play environment for up to 85 dogs a day.

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Two scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to eligible students who are enrolled in an Animal Studies or Veterinary Nurse course at The Gordon.

1. Selection criteria: Applicants must:

- be financially disadvantaged
- demonstrate keenness to overcome barriers and succeed in their studies and find employment
- be enrolled full time or part time in an Animal Studies or Veterinary Nursing Course at The Gordon for a full academic year
- demonstrate initiative and commitment to excel in their course, i.e. through engagement in extra-curricular activities such as: employment (paid or voluntary), community based work, or additional activities to support the development of their future career in Pet Services.
- have no outstanding debt to the Gordon from the previous year
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

2. Administration of scholarship:

- the Scholarship will be managed by the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer in consultation with the founding owner of Blue Moon Pet Services

- applications for the Blue Moon Pet Services scholarship will open on The Gordon website in early November and close in mid-February
- a selection committee comprising the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer, a minimum of one additional staff member from The Gordon, and the founding owner of Blue Moon Pet Services will be responsible for selecting the suitable Scholarship recipients
- students who are successful in being short listed for the scholarship will be required to attend an interview in early March
- in the event of a disagreement, the founding owner of Blue Moon Pet Services will have the final say and these decisions are final
- 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 selection committee has discretion to not award a scholarship in any given year

3. Conditions of award:

- the scholarship will be paid annually at the end of Term One. The mode of payment is at the discretion of the selection committee and may be altered in consultation with the recipient of the scholarship
- scholarship monies will be paid directly into the students account to pay course fees (any surplus funds will be credited to the students personal bankaccount)
- each scholarship is to be spent on expenses associated with study, including course fees, materials, etc.
- the successful scholarship recipient will be required to accept their scholarship at a Scholarship evening to be held in the last week of Term One
- a scholarship is not transferable to another Institute
- any current outstanding course fees may and can be deducted from the scholarship money paid to the recipient
- each recipient is to use best endeavour to successfully complete the program of study
- 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

The scholarship recipient will submit a written report when final results are known. 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 attached)

This report will be presented to Blue Moon Pet Services by the Student, Welfare and Alumni Officer.

6. Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I, _____ as the recipient of the Blue Moon Pet Services 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

All correspondence regarding scholarships should be forwarded to:

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