



The Margery Rix Environment Scholarship as awarded by Geelong Field Naturalists Club

The Geelong Field Naturalists Club created this scholarship in 2017 to assist students enrolled full time in a Conservation and Land Management course at The Gordon

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The scholarship is valued at \$1,000 with the aim to encourage students to pursue a career in conservation and land management in the Geelong region.

1. Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be enrolled in a Conservation and Land Management (CLM) course at the Gordon
- demonstrate a proven aptitude for their chosen vocation
- display keenness to overcome obstacles and succeed in their studies and find employment
- be available to attend interviews and/or presentation functions as required
- have no previous outstanding debt to The Gordon

2. Scholarship administration:

- the scholarship will be managed by the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer in consultation with at least one representative from the Geelong Field Naturalists Club and a member of staff from CLM at the Gordon
- the scholarship process will commence in February of each year with CLM teaching staff issuing application forms to eligible students who meet the criteria
- students are responsible for returning the completed application to their teacher. The teacher will then complete a second section of the application outlining their knowledge of the student's abilities and strengths in regards to the course requirements
- the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer is responsible for receiving the completed applications and forwarding them on to the Geelong Field Naturalists Club for

review and selection

- scholarships will be awarded annually in March to applicants who, at the absolute discretion of the selection panel, have fulfilled the selection criteria.
- all information supplied to the Geelong Field Naturalists Club and to the appropriate administration officers is treated as confidential
- in the event of insufficient suitable applicants, the Geelong Naturalists Club has discretion to award less than the allocated scholarships in one year
- each scholarship is for the academic year in which it was awarded
- the mode of payment is at the discretion of the selection committee and may be altered in consultation with the recipient of the scholarship.

3. Conditions of Award:

- a scholarship is not transferable to another Institute
- each scholarship is to be spent on course related costs
- each recipient is to use best endeavour to successfully complete the program of study
- be available to attend interviews and/or presentation functions as required
- in signing the terms and conditions each recipient is to providing written permission to contact relevant teachers for updates on academic performance during the year.
- 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 disgrace upon the Scholarship, The Gordon or The Geelong Field Naturalists Club
- 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
- failure to maintain high standards of academic excellence

5. Report Requirements:

Each recipient will submit a written report once their final results are known to them. 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
- a short written summary to The Geelong Field Naturalists Club stating their appreciation for being selected for the scholarship

Reports will be presented to the Geelong Field Naturalists Club by the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer.

6. Agreement to Terms and Conditions

The above outlined terms and conditions are to guide the implementation, ongoing administration and management of the Geelong Field Naturalists Club scholarship program. These terms and conditions are to be reviewed annually by the Gordon and the Geelong Field Naturalists Club.

I, _____ as the recipient of The Margery Rix Environment Scholarship as awarded by the Geelong Field Naturalists Club 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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