



Spotlight Scholarship

BACKGROUND:

Founded in September 1973 after beginning as a family fabric stall at Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market, Spotlight has become Australasia's largest supplier of fabric, craft, party and home interiors with Superstores in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia.

Spotlight has come a long way since opening its original store in Malvern, but still remains a family owned and operated Australian business, now employing over 6,700 team members dedicated to providing the best quality, service, price and expertise in fabrics to its millions of customers each year.

In 2018 the Spotlight Scholarship was established at The Gordon to support financially disadvantaged students who demonstrate a talent and passion for developing a career in the fashion industry.

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

One scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to an Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising student at The Gordon.

1. Selection criteria: Applicants must:

- have experienced financial hardship
- demonstrate keenness to overcome problems and succeed in their studies and find employment
- be enrolled full time in the Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising course at the Gordon
- demonstrate initiative and commitment to developing a career in the fashion industry as shown through current studies, class attendance and performance, past or present employment, and through their personal life
- 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 at least one representative of Spotlight

- applications for the Spotlight scholarship will open annually on the Gordon website in early November and close in mid-February
- a selection committee comprising the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer, at least one Staff member from the Gordon's Fashion Design department and a representative of Spotlight will be responsible for selecting the suitable Scholarship recipient
- short listed students will be invited to attend a selection interview during March
- in the event of a disagreement, the representative from Spotlight 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 in April as a \$1,000 Spotlight gift card
- the successful scholarship recipient will be required to accept their scholarship at an Awards evening held in the last week of Term One
- the scholarship gift must be spent in the year it is awarded
- the scholarship is to be spent on fabrics, embellishments etc to produce garments for course requirements
- 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:

Each 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 gift was spent and how it assisted with furthering studies and career development (receipts attached)
- Reports will be presented to Spotlight by the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer

6. Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I, _____ as the recipient of the Spotlight 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 and Spotlight.

Recipient signature

Date

All correspondence regarding scholarships should be forwarded to:

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