



The Gordon Accessible Learning Scholarship

The Gordon Accessible Learning Scholarship was established in 2014 to support part time or full time students studying at the Gordon who have a physical, intellectual, sensory or mental health disability. The scholarship is aimed at reducing financial stress on students with a disability to enable them to focus on their studies.

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The total value of the scholarship is \$2,000, with two \$1,000 scholarships being awarded each year. Scholarships are intended to assist with the costs associated with undertaking a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma course at the Gordon.

1. Selection criteria:

Applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be a person living with physical, intellectual, sensory or mental health disability
- be financially disadvantaged
- have experienced unemployment and/ or financial hardship
- demonstrate keenness to overcome problems and succeed in their studies and find employment
- enrolled either full time or part time in a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma 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

2. Administration of scholarship:

- the scholarship will be managed by the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer
- applications open on the Gordon website on November and remain open until mid-February
- a selection committee comprising the Student Scholarships, Welfare and Alumni Officer and a select panel of Gordon staff will be responsible for short listing and interviewing potential recipients for the award
- in the event that no unanimous decision can be made, the Head of Student and Business Support will have the final say and this decision is 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 committee has discretion to not award a scholarship in any given year
- scholarship recipients are required to attend an official Scholarship Awards ceremony at the Gordon in March

3. Conditions of award:

- the scholarship will be paid annually by April. The mode of payment is at the discretion of the selection committee and may be altered in consultation with the recipient of the scholarship
- a scholarship is not transferable to another Institute
- each scholarship is to be spent on expenses associated with study. This includes course fees, books and materials related to study, travel costs, basic living expenses
- any current outstanding course fees can and may be deducted from the scholarship amount
- successful recipients are required to accept their scholarship at an awards ceremony held in March
- 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 grant was spent and how it assisted with furthering studies and career development (receipts attached)

6. Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I, _____ as the recipient of the Gordon Accessible

Learning 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

All correspondence regarding scholarships should be forwarded to:

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