

Don Dunstan Foundation Len King Scholarship Guidelines



About the Len King Scholarship

The Len King Scholarship was established in 2014 with funds provided by the King Family through the Don Dunstan Foundation. The scholarship is in memory of the Hon Len King AC QC and his lifetime of dedication to social justice. A man of dedication and vision, Len King made significant contributions to the community in South Australia throughout his career as South Australian Attorney General, Minister for Community Welfare, Consumer Affairs, and Aboriginal Affairs and as 7th Chief Justice of South Australia.

Awarded by a panel of respected legal professionals, the generous award of up to \$15,000 a year for up to four years helps students on a low income or facing financial hardship, to meet living expenses throughout their Bachelor of Law degree at the University of Adelaide or Flinders University.

About us:

The Len King Scholarship is jointly overseen by a committee of legal professionals, the Don Dunstan Foundation and The Wyatt Trust.

The Don Dunstan Foundation will administer all scholarship payments.

If there are any questions about the application or if a scholarship recipient experiences any difficulties in complying with the Guidelines they are encouraged contact the Scholarship Facilitator, Jo Edwards at the Wyatt Trust jedwards@wyatt.org.au at their earliest convenience.

The Facilitator will offer guidance, advice and liaise on the recipient's behalf.

Am I eligible to apply?

In order to be eligible for the Len King Scholarship you need to meet the following criteria:

- planning to enrol in studies in 2019
- eligible to commence or re-commence full-time study in a Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- studying on-campus at either Flinders University or The University of Adelaide
- on a low income or facing financial hardship
- an Australian resident, or holding a humanitarian visa
- interested in social justice (a just distribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges within a society).

To remain eligible for continuing payments, scholarship recipients must remain enrolled in a full-time study load as defined by the University (this usually equates to a $\frac{3}{4}$ load). A student enrolling in less than a full-time study load is not eligible for a Len King Scholarship.

What may I spend the scholarship on?

The award of up to \$15,000 per annum, paid for up to four years, provides funds for general living expenses.

As this scholarship may affect any income support you receive from other sources, to ensure the best financial outcome for you it is recommend that you contact a Financial Information Service officer at Centrelink before accepting this offer.

How do I apply?

Applications must be on the prescribed form that it is available through the Don Dunstan Foundation website or by calling (08) 8224 0074.

Applications open **October 1 2018** and close at **5pm on Friday January 25 2019**. Late submissions will not be assessed.

Applications can be lodged by:

Email: dunstan.foundation@adelaide.edu.au
Post: Don Dunstan Foundation
Level 8, 115 Grenfell St
University of Adelaide, SA 5005

What documentation am I required to provide?

The Len King Scholarship is means tested. The committee will assess eligibility based on total family income. Therefore, applicants need to be able to provide details of their own income/ their partner's and/ or parent's income (parent's income only relevant if under the age of 25). Financial eligibility will be re-assessed at the start of each year.

Applicants will also need to provide the contact details for two referees. You are expected to advise your referees that you are applying for the scholarship and that the Selection Committee may contact them.

Who can be my referees?

Your referees will need to be able to demonstrate your strengths, experience and potential as a prospective Law student particularly in the area of social justice. They should also be able to tell us a bit about you and why you would benefit from receiving a Len King Scholarship.

Educational (academic) or professional referees are preferred over family and friends.

How will scholarship payments be received?

Payment to the successful applicants will be made in three instalments as follows:

- On proof of enrolment and return of the signed formal letter of offer
- On presentation of a complete Unofficial Academic Transcript with final marks for semester one and confirmation of full time enrolment in semester two
- Upon presentation of a complete Unofficial Academic Transcript including final end of year results

What will happen after I apply?

Applications close at **5pm on Friday January 25 2019**. Applications received after this time will not be assessed.

All applicants will receive an email acknowledgement of the lodgement of their application within 72 hours of receipt. If you do not receive this notification, please contact jedwards@wyatt.org.au.

Your applications will be screened for completeness and eligibility by representatives from The Wyatt Trust and Don Dunstan Foundation. Shortlisted applicants will be presented to the Len King Committee for assessment.

Shortlisted applicants will be assessed by a panel of respected legal professionals. Selection is completely at the panel's discretion. You may be contacted for clarification, further information or to request an interview (in phone or in person)

If you are a successful applicant you will receive a formal letter of offer, which will include an agreement form outlining the terms and conditions of the scholarship. This must be completed and signed and returned to The Wyatt Trust.

If you are a successful applicant and aged under 18 years you must have a nominated guardian sign the Scholarship agreement on your behalf.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome by **February 22 2019**.

Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship:

By accepting the Scholarship and signing the agreement form, successful recipients commit to regularly attending and undertaking the requirements for their chosen course.

Recipients must comply with the statutes and regulations, rules and by-laws of the University.

Any changes in enrolment (e.g. interruption of or a withdrawal from studies, change of study load, program change, etc.) must be notified to The Wyatt Trust (on behalf of the Don Dunstan Foundation) immediately prior to making any such changes.

Communication and reporting:

Contact from scholarship administrators will be initiated through the primary email address as reported on the application form.

It is the recipient's responsibility to check this email address regularly and update details as required.

During the term of the scholarship, recipients are expected to attend meetings with a scholarship facilitator from The Wyatt Trust for the purpose of providing an update on the progress of your studies, to report back the impact and use of the scholarship funds and to demonstrate ongoing financial eligibility.

Reporting includes providing a complete and full copy of your Unofficial Academic Statement at the end of each study period. This will notify results as well as confirming upcoming enrolment.

The final deadline for all reporting is the Census date of the following semester.

At the end of each year, recipients of the Len King Scholarship will be required to provide current income statements/ wage slips to prove their ongoing eligibility for the scholarship.

Full time study requirements:

The Len King Scholarship provides payments for up to four years. If the recipient's study plan exceeds this time, the recipient's responsibility can make contact and request pro-rata payments to be considered.

To remain eligible for continued payments, scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled in a full-time study load as defined by the university (this usually equates to a $\frac{3}{4}$ load of study).

If in the event of extenuating circumstances a recipient is unable to continue with a full-time study load for a short period of time they are encouraged to contact the Scholarship Facilitator at the Wyatt Trust as soon as possible.

Barriers to Academic Progress:

The Len King Scholarship Committee recognises that at times extenuating circumstances may impact on academic progress.

In the event of withdrawal or a failure to complete courses, recipients will be invited to meet with a Scholarship Facilitator at the Wyatt Trust.

Where there are barriers to academic progress, recipients will be required to demonstrate the following:

- Extenuating medical or compassionate circumstances. Supporting documentation will be required by a medical practitioner or psychologist/psychiatrist
- Alternatively, an Access Plan or letter of support from a University counsellor could be provided to detail the impact on studies without disclosing the details of the condition or circumstance
- Evidence of contact and supports in place within the university
- Demonstrated capacity and engagement to meet the ongoing requirements of the course.

Agreement to institute pro-rata payment of the Scholarship is at the Scholarship's Administrator's discretion.

Deferred studies:

The scholarship ordinarily cannot be deferred. If you are considering deferring please speak to the Scholarship Facilitator at the Wyatt Trust. Applicants may re-apply when they recommence their studies.

Overseas exchange:

Recipients who undertake a component of their studies while on overseas student exchange or with another university through an approved cross-institutional arrangement, will continue to receive the scholarship if this study will count towards the requirements of the program in which the student is enrolled.

Termination of the Len King Scholarship:

The Len King committee may terminate a scholarship for any of the following reasons:

- The event of serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in the application process
- The recipient no longer meets eligibility criteria specified in the rules of the scholarship
- The recipient does not meet reporting or communication requirements of the scholarship
- If the recipient transfers out of law
- Once the full value of the scholarship has been paid.

Release of personal details:

The Don Dunstan Foundation may request consent to profile or share Scholar's experience for Annual Reports or advertising of the Len King Scholarship.