



The Palmer | Starkoff Regional Scholarship

(Established in 2016 by donations from Jodi Palmer and Paul Starkoff)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support to a disadvantaged student from regional Australia.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the following undergraduate programs (including honours and dual degree programs):

Bachelor of Agribusiness
Bachelor of Agricultural Science
Bachelor of Architecture Design
Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Bachelor of Commerce
Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Engineering
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Bachelor of Pharmacy
Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Bachelor of Psychological Science
Bachelor of Speech Pathology
Bachelor of Veterinary Technology; and
the provisional Doctor of Medicine program.

Eligible Region means an area outside of the metropolitan areas of Brisbane (including local government areas of Brisbane City, Redlands, Logan, Ipswich, and Moreton Bay Regional Council), Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth

Commencing Student means a student who has not previously been enrolled in a degree program at The University of Queensland

Scholarship means the Palmer | Starkoff Regional Scholarship.

3 Value and award of scholarship

- (1) The Academic Registrar may award one Scholarship as tenure becomes available.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is \$4,000 each year for the duration of the student's Approved Program, to assist with the costs associated with their living and academic expenses while studying.

4 Eligibility for award

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –
 - (a) submits an application to the Academic Registrar, by the closing date for applications; and
 - (b) is a domestic student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy; and
 - (c) will be a Commencing Student in the year of award; and
 - (d) is able to demonstrate that they are financially disadvantaged; and
 - (e) will have completed their secondary schooling in the year immediately prior to attending their first year at UQ at a high school in an Eligible Region; and
 - (f) is enrolled or intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program at The University of Queensland; and
 - (g) does not hold another scholarship that the Academic Registrar considers to be similar.

5 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, a Selection Committee must be established, comprising –
 - (a) the Academic Registrar, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) one representative from the Student Affairs Division; and
 - (c) one representative from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) portfolio.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who shows the greatest merit as determined by a combination of any of the following –
 - (a) academic achievements in their secondary studies; and
 - (b) personal qualities, motivation and leadership potential; and
 - (c) contribution to their community; and
 - (d) other evidence as may be deemed relevant by the Selection Committee to the recipients' future academic success.

6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the duration of the Approved Program and available donor funding, subject to the recipient:
 - (a) in the year following their completion of high school studies commencing study in an Approved Program; and
 - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program at The University of Queensland; and
 - (c) maintaining satisfactory academic progress.
- (2) Satisfactory academic progress in these rules means that the recipient must pass all courses and maintain a GPA of at least 5.0 in each semester of study.
- (3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1) or (2), the recipient must show cause why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (4) The Scholarship may not be deferred.