Aspire Scholarships

(This scholarship scheme was established in 2017 to support students who face barriers to commencing tertiary studies due to personal circumstances. Scholarships are offered either as an “Aspire” scholarship or as a specific “Named Scholarship” under the auspices of the Aspire Scholarship Scheme)

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Aspire Scholarship Scheme is to provide assistance with transition to tertiary study to students who have experienced financial hardship and are commencing an Approved Program at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions
In these rules –
Aspire Scholarship Scheme means the framework for offering scholarships as either Aspire scholarships or as Named Scholarships in accordance with these rules.
Domestic Student means a student who is—
(a) an Australian citizen; or
(b) a New Zealand citizen; or
(c) the holder of a permanent visa for Australia.
GPA means the result of applying the formula — \[ \frac{\sum (G)}{\sum (P)} \]
where G = the result in a course; and
P = the unit value of that course. If a student is enrolled in a course but gets no result, G=0.
Scholarship means a scholarship awarded under the Aspire Scholarship Scheme, including Named Scholarships
Approved Program means any bachelor or associate degree program at The University of Queensland unless otherwise specified in Addendum 1.
President means President of the Academic Board.
Named Scholarship means a type of scholarship offered under the Aspire Scholarship Scheme, which is named in recognition of a donor or partnership. These scholarships are identified in Addendum 1. They are administered in accordance with these rules as well as any additional requirements outlined in Addendum 1.
Relevant Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic) of the students’ Faculty.
Satisfactory Academic Progress means achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 and gaining a grade of 4 or better in at least 50% of units in which the recipient is enrolled each semester or trimester

3. Award and Value of Scholarship
(1) A number of Scholarships will be awarded each year on recommendation of the President.
(2) Additional Named Scholarships may be awarded on recommendation of the President after consultation with donors or partners as specified in Addendum 1.
(3) The value of each Scholarship will be $4,500 for one year.

4. Eligibility for Award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –
(a) is a Domestic Student; and
(b) is enrolled as a commencing student at the University of Queensland in an Approved Program in semester 1 or trimester 1 in the year of award; and
(c) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or higher; and
(d) has demonstrated significant financial disadvantage through achieving the maximum points for the ‘Financial Hardship’ category of QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme and accepted an offer for the UQ Link Scholarship; and
(e) has been awarded a UQ Link Scholarship; and
(f) is not in receipt of another scholarship awarded on the basis of financial hardship at the University of Queensland, with the exception of the UQ Link scholarship.

5. Selection
(1) For the selection process, the President must establish a selection committee, comprising –
(a) the President (or nominee) as Chair; and
(b) the Academic Registrar (or nominee); and
(c) the Director of Student Affairs (or nominee); and
(d) up to two representatives from donors and industry partners for Named Scholarships, with UQ staff comprising the majority.
The Scholarship is awarded to the applicants showing greatest need as demonstrated by:
(a) documented financial situation and gross household income reported to the Australian Tax Office for the previous financial year; and
(b) where applicable, any additional requirements for Named Scholarships as outlined in Addendum 1; and
(c) any other matter that the Selection Committee considers relevant.

Preference may be given to indigenous students or QTAC applicants who have demonstrated hardship related to home environment and responsibilities, educational disruption or English language difficulty.

6. Conditions of Scholarship

(1) Relevant details regarding enrolment and academic progression may be disclosed to relevant donors and other partners for the purposes of the Aspire Scholarship Scheme.

(2) Payments will be made in equal instalments after census date in each semester or trimester subject to the recipient:
(a) continuing to be enrolled in an Approved Program; and
(b) continuing to be enrolled as a full-time student unless otherwise approved by the Relevant Associate Dean; and
(c) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress; and
(d) not being in receipt of another scholarship awarded on the basis of financial hardship, with the exception of the UQ Link scholarship.

(3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(2), the recipient must show cause to the Scholarship Show Cause Committee as to why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(4) The Scholarship may not be deferred, interrupted or suspended.

7. Termination of scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:
(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Show Cause Committee as provided for in the Scholarship conditions in section 6(3); or
(b) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
(c) if the recipient defers, interrupts or suspends their study; or
(d) if the student commits serious misconduct.

8. Appeals against termination of scholarship

Appeals regarding the termination of the Scholarship will be heard by the University’s Senate Student Appeals Committee.

Addendum 1 – Additional Requirements for Named Scholarships within the Aspire Scholarship Scheme

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