



Kingshott Cassidy Poetry Scholarship Award

(The scholarship was established in 2010 and is maintained by a bequest from the estate of Dorothy Susan Cassidy who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 and a Master of Arts in 1986.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and financially assist current undergraduate students with a demonstrated interest in poetry who are deemed to be in financial need.

2. Definitions

In these rules-

Head means the Head of School, School of Communication and Arts.

Scholarship means the Kingshott Cassidy Poetry Scholarship Award.

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The number and value of Scholarships will be determined annually by the Head and will be at least 20% of the annual distribution of the fund

4. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -

- (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
- (b) is enrolled in an undergraduate program;
- (c) has completed at least 2 units of poetry courses;
- (d) can demonstrate financial hardship; and
- (e) have not previously been awarded the Scholarship.

5. Selection of award

- (1) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Head after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) at least 1 member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching or researching in the field of poetry.
- (2) The Scholarships are awarded to the applicants showing greatest merit based on –
 - (a) academic achievement in poetry courses undertaken by the applicants;
 - (b) strength of interest in poetry as evidenced by personal statement of 750- 1000 words included in the application;
 - (c) 1 poem up to 50 lines maximum;
 - (d) demonstrated financial hardship; and
 - (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the field of poetry.

6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) A recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to 1 year, subject to the recipient passing all courses undertaken in semester 1.
- (2) Where a recipient will program complete in semester 1 of the award, payment of the second instalment of the Scholarship will be made after confirmation of conferral, subject to the recipient meeting 6(1).
- (3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.