



Clyde and Norma Spearritt Scholarship

(Established in 2021 under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative through gifts by the family of Clyde and Norma Spearritt in honour of their lifelong commitments to education.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support undergraduate students undertaking Bachelor of Education (Primary) studies at The University of Queensland who are experiencing financial hardship.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means Bachelor of Education (Primary) or Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours).

Commencing Student means a student who has not undertaken any prior tertiary study at a Bachelor level or above prior to enrolling in the Approved Program, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students and who will complete, or has completed, year 12 studies in the two year-period prior to the year of the award.

Head means Head of School, School of Education.

Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled in accordance with the University's Academic Progression Procedure.

Scholarship means the Clyde and Norma Spearritt Scholarship.

3. Award, Value and Selection

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year as tenure becomes vacant.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is expected to be \$4,500 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual income from the fund.
- (3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum period of four years.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Head after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the Head (or nominee);
 - (b) an academic representative from the School of Education; and
 - (c) an active current teacher, nominated by the Head with University staff in the majority.

4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
 - (a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is or will be enrolled full-time as a Commencing Student in the Approved Program;
 - (c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar; and
 - (c) can demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of financial hardship.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student showing the greatest merit based on (in order of importance) –
 - (a) evidence of financial hardship;
 - (b) strength of commitment to education as evidenced by personal statement included in the application;
 - (c) academic achievement; and
 - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in their field of study.
- (3) Short-listed applicants may be interviewed.

5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to four years, subject to the recipient -
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6;
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress; and
 - (c) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers similar.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1) the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

6. Deferment and Interruption of Award

- (1) A recipient may apply to the Head to defer their Scholarship for up to one year in exceptional circumstances only. to be updated once deferral confirmed.
- (2) A recipient may apply to the Head to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.

7. Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 5(2); or
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
- (b) if the recipient commits misconduct.