



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

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 and value of scholarship

(1) One Scholarship may be awarded as tenure becomes vacant on recommendation of the Head.

(2) The value of the Scholarship will be at least \$4,500 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual income from 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;
- (b) is enrolled, or intends to enrol, as a Commencing Student in an Approved Program in the year of award; and
- (c) can demonstrate financial hardship.

5. Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising -

- (a) the Head, or nominee, as Chair of the committee;
- (b) an academic representative from the School of Education; and
- (c) an active current teacher as selected by the Head,

with University staff comprising the majority.

(2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria (in order of importance) -

- (a) demonstrated financial hardship;
- (b) a commitment to education;
- (c) academic capability and future academic potential, as demonstrated by previous academic results and awards; and
- (d) any other evidence which may be deemed relevant to the applicant's future success in their field of study.

(3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6. Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to four years, subject to the recipient -

- (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
- (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held; and
- (c) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1) the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The recipient may apply to interrupt the Scholarship for a maximum duration of 12 months and only in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Head.

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 6(2); or
- (b) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.