THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

(Established in 2012 by donations from the Sisters of Charity Foundation)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to a disadvantaged student with a foster/kinship care experience who wishes to study an undergraduate program at the University of Queensland.

2 Definitions
In these rules -
Approved program means an undergraduate program, including honours or a tertiary preparation program
Commencing student means a student who has not previously been enrolled in a degree program at The University of Queensland
Foundation means the Sisters of Charity Foundation.
Scholarship means the Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship.

3 Value and award of scholarship
(1) The number of scholarships to be awarded each year will be determined by the Academic Registrar, in consultation with the Foundation.
(2) The value of the Scholarship is $7,500 per year provided by the Sisters of Charity Foundation, for up to 4 years, with additional funds contributed from other philanthropic sources and available from time to time, to assist with the costs associated with study including tuition fees, textbooks, course uniforms where applicable and other course related costs.

4 Additional benefits
The recipient may be offered an ambassadorial role with the Foundation.

5 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 within the meaning of the Fee Rules; and
   (c) has or is residing in an out-of-home care arrangement (foster/kinship care, group homes or refuges); and
   (d) is able to demonstrate that they are financially disadvantaged; and
   (e) will complete or has completed Year 12 or equivalent in the previous five year period or will complete or has completed first year studies at UQ; 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.

6 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 of the Foundation; and
   (d) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the chair, with university staff comprising the majority.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant who shows the greatest merit as determined by a combination of any of the following -
   (a) personal qualities, motivation and leadership potential; and
   (b) academic achievements in their secondary or post-secondary studies; and
   (c) contribution to school and community; and
   (d) other evidence as may be deemed relevant to future academic success.

7 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for up to 4 years, subject to the recipient:
   (a) in the year following the year of the award, or after an approved deferment of one year, 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 4 in each semester of study.

(3) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1) or (2), the recipient must show cause why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

(4) The recipient may be required to submit a progress report at the end of each academic year, outlining the progress of study undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship.