



SpineCare
Foundation



GREGORY & DOLORES FARRELL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarship Recipient Guidelines for 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Gregory and Dolores Farrell Scholarships are supported by the family of the late Gregory and Dolores Farrell. Gregory Patrick Farrell OAM was a founding Director of SpineCare Foundation.

The aim of the scholarship is to support integration into tertiary education for students who use a wheelchair for mobility. It is acknowledged that students with a disability may have additional obstacles to overcome in accessing a tertiary education. One of these obstacles can be the additional costs involved to enable participation in tertiary education, these costs can be considerable and variable according to the degree of disability.

Four scholarships up to the value of \$5,000 each are available for 2017.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Scholarships are only for students who use a wheelchair for mobility, who are Australian citizens, and who have been accepted into a university course in NSW or are currently enrolled in one. Students who are proceeding to a higher degree are also eligible, as are students who have been accepted for post-graduate study in Australia and overseas.
- Applications must be lodged by the close of business on Friday 3 February 2017 to the address below. Applications can also be emailed or faxed.
- The successful applicants will be chosen by a Selection Committee. If placed on a short list, it may be necessary for applicants to attend an interview in mid- February 2017.
- Successful applicants will be advised in the first week of March 2017.
- As a condition of the scholarship, it will be necessary for scholarship recipients to submit mid-year and end of year results, as well as a report on how the funds have been spent.
- Funding has been made available for one year only, subject to review for further assistance, but successful applicants may reapply in future years.

USE OF FUNDS

The scholarship is paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be provided when the student submits confirmation of enrolment in his/her selected course. The remainder will be made available on receipt of mid-year documentation.

Funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Text books
- Library and internet charges
- On campus accommodation
- Residential school expenses (travel / accommodation)
- Field trip expenses
- Transport to and from University
- Stationery
- Other equipment required to assist with study
- Scribes and tutors
- Personal care

Funds may not be used for:

- HECS fees
- Purchase of mobile phones or payment of phone bills
- Expenses not directly related to study

DOCUMENTATION OF EXPENDITURE AND RESULTS

At the end of the first semester or term, **(no later than 15 July 2017)** students must forward an official copy of their **results and receipts** for any expenditure incurred with the use of scholarship funds to:

The Gregory & Dolores Farrell Scholarship Advisory Committee
C/- Northcott
P.O. Box 4055
Parramatta NSW 2124

Or via email to: deanna.mooney@northcott.com.au

This information is required by the Committee to approve payment of each instalment of scholarship funds. If results are not available by the due dates, it is the student's responsibility to contact Deanna Mooney on (02) 9890 0959 and advise when the results will be forwarded. Where students fail to provide the results or contact the Scholarship Advisory Committee, it will be assumed that they do not wish to continue with the scholarship.

Receipts need to clearly indicate the nature of the purchase and the exact cost, including when only one item from a receipt is being claimed on scholarship funds. It may be advisable to keep duplicate copies of receipts as the payments will be considered only on the production of all receipts.

Where a student does not fully expend his/her funds during the semester, but can satisfactorily indicate how the funds will be used, the Committee may give approval for unexpended funds to be carried to the following semester. Otherwise, the Committee may not approve full payment of the second semester instalment. Unallocated funds at the end of the scholarship year need to be returned.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students may be asked to participate in publicity and promotions of the scholarship in an effort to recruit additional funds and mentors for the scheme. Northcott's Marketing Communications and Media will be involved in interviewing students and preparing written material which may then be used in local and/or industry press and other forms of media. Permission from the student will be sought prior to participating in any public relations.