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2024

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE GRANT

This grant assists students to fund an additional childcare day to enable them to access a period of focused study time.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be engaging in full or part time study in an undergraduate award, and:

- a) Be domestic students (that is, not studying on an overseas student visa)
- b) Use an approved childcare service under the definition used by the Australian Government for assessing childcare subsidy applications
- c) The child(ren) must be in the student's permanent or long term care and the student must be responsible for paying their childcare fees
- d) The student must be able to show that they increased or will increase the amount of childcare they were accessing at the time they commenced the study

Notes

- e) Students are not eligible for grants related to units replacing units they have previously failed

Grant Details

The grant offer will:

- (i) Be up to \$100 per week to match or assist with out-of-pocket childcare expenses for an additional day, or in the case of afterschool care, up to two additional days per week
- (ii) Lapse if the recipient does not enrol in at least one unit every semester or if the student takes leave or withdraws from their award. If there are extenuating circumstances a student who has previously held a grant may apply to have it reinstated after a period of leave, provided the leave was taken under normal University of Divinity rules
- (iii) Lapse if the student fails or withdraws after census in more than one unit. ALC reserves the right to consider continuing the grant if there are extenuating circumstances
- (iiv) No payment will be made in circumstances where a student fails or withdraws from a unit. If the recipient withdraws from all their units before census in any given semester, they will be considered to be on leave and the provisions of (ii) will apply
- (v) Be made to the student in writing and must be accepted before the census date of the first unit

Additional Information

- (vii) The grant will be paid (by EFT) in two lump sums per year, at the conclusion of each semester (July and December) unless otherwise negotiated
- (viii) Applicants can apply to commence the assistance at any time, but must submit a new application with their semester 1 enrolment each year and provide evidence that their child(ren) are still accessing the care at the start of semester 2. If the student does not re-enrol in any given semester, the payment will cease at the end of the previous semester and not recommence until the first week of the next semester in which the student enrolls
- (ix) It is the student's responsibility to inform the College if their childcare arrangements change and they are no longer accessing the additional time funded or partially funded by the grant. Failure to do so may result in the grant being cancelled

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Expectations

Grant recipients are expected to:

- (i) Be a positive role model and ambassador for Australian Lutheran College within the Lutheran Church and wider community
- (ii) Treat staff and other students with high levels of respect and display an inclusive attitude, helping to ensure that ALC is a safe environment in which to work and learn.
- (iii) Make their professional placement and studies a priority and maintain a solid grade point average
- (iv) Supply bank account details to enable the payment

Application Details

Applications should be completed using the online application form by the official close of enrolment date in the semester of commencement. Late applications may be accepted by arrangement.

In addition to the general information requested in the application form, applications should include:

- (i) A personal statement of no more than 500 words which addresses the questions
 - a) Why you want to study and where you think the study might lead you
 - b) What skills and circumstances do you have that means you are confident that your studies will be successful
 - c) Why you believe you are a suitable recipient for the scholarship
 - d) Details of the approved childcare service being used (or intending to be used) and evidence of the associated out of pocket expenses and the students responsibility for them
 - e) Details of the children in your permanent or long-term
 - f) Details of increased (or planned increase of) childcare hours
 - g) How these additional hours will increase your focussed study time
- (ii) Other documentation you believe may support your application



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