

About the Len King Scholarship

The Len King Scholarship was established in 2014 by the Don Dunstan Foundation on behalf of the King family, in memory of the Hon Len King AC QC and his lifetime of dedication to social justice. A man of dedication and vision, Len King made significant contributions to the community in South Australia throughout his career as South Australian Attorney General, Minister for Community Welfare, Consumer Affairs, and Aboriginal Affairs and as 7th Chief Justice of South Australia.

Awarded by a panel of respected legal professionals, the generous award of up to \$15,000 a year for up to four years helps students on a low income or facing financial hardship, to meet living expenses throughout their Bachelor of Law degree at the University of Adelaide or Flinders University.

Am I eligible to apply?

In order to be eligible for the Len King Scholarship you need to meet the following criteria:

- planning to enrol in studies in 2021
- eligible to commence or re-commence full-time study in a Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- studying on-campus at either Flinders University or The University of Adelaide
- on a low income or facing financial hardship
- an Australian resident, or holding a humanitarian visa
- interested in Social Justice (a just distribution of wealth, opportunities and privileges within a society).

To remain eligible for continuing payments, scholarship recipients must remain enrolled in a full-time study load of at least six units in semester one and six units in semester two. A student enrolling in less than a full-time study load is not eligible for a Len King Scholarship

What may I spend the scholarship on?

The award of up to \$15,000 per annum, paid for up to four years, provides funds for general living expenses.

How do I apply?

Applications must be on the prescribed form that it is available through the Don Dunstan Foundation website or by calling (08) 8313 3364

Applications open October 1 2020 and close at 5pm on Friday January 23 2021. Late submissions will not be assessed.

Applications can be lodged by:

Email: dustan.foundation@adelaide.edu.au
Post: Don Dunstan Foundation
Level 8, 115 Grenfell St
Adelaide SA 5005

What documentation am I required to provide?

The Len King Scholarship is means tested. The committee will assess eligibility based on total family income. Therefore, applicants need to be able to provide details of their own income/ their partner's and/ or parent's income (parent's income only relevant if under the age of 25).

Contact details for two referees. You will need to advise your referees that you are applying for the scholarship and that the Selection Committee may contact them.

Who can be my referees?

Your referees will need to be able to demonstrate your strengths, experience and potential as a prospective Law student particularly in the area of social justice. They should also be able to tell us a bit about you and why you would benefit from receiving a Len King Scholarship.

Educational (academic) or professional referees are preferred over family and friends.

How will scholarship payments be received?

Payment to the successful applicants will be made in three instalments as follows:

- On proof of enrolment and return of the signed formal letter of offer
- On presentation of mid-year results and confirmation of full time enrolment in semester two
- Upon presentation of end of year results.

What will happen after I apply?

Applications close at 5pm on Friday January 23. Applications received after this time will not be assessed.

All applicants will receive an email acknowledgement of the lodgement of their application within 72 hours of receipt. If you do not receive this notification, please contact jedwards@wyatt.org.au.

Your applications will be screened for completeness and eligibility by representatives from The Wyatt Trust and Don Dunstan Foundation. Shortlisted applicants will be presented to the Len King Committee for assessment.

Shortlisted applicants will be assessed by a panel of respected legal professionals. Selection is completely at the panel's discretion. You may be contacted for clarification, further information or to request an interview (in phone or in person)

All applicants will be advised of the outcome by 22 February 2021.

If you are a successful applicant you will receive a formal letter of offer, which will include an agreement form outlining the terms and conditions of the scholarship. This must be completed and signed and returned to The Wyatt Trust.

If you are a successful applicant and aged under 18 years you must have a nominated guardian sign the Scholarship agreement on your behalf.

Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship:

By accepting the Scholarship and signing the agreement form, successful recipients commit to regularly attending and undertaking the requirements for their chosen course.

Recipients must comply with the statutes and regulations, rules and by-laws of the University.

Any changes in enrolment (e.g interruption of or a withdrawal from studies, change of study load, program change, etc) must be notified to The Wyatt Trust (on behalf of the Don Dunstan Foundation) **immediately prior** to making any such changes

Communication and reporting:

Contact from scholarship administrators will be initiated through the primary email address as reported on the application form.

It is the recipient's responsibility to check this email address regularly and update details when required.

During the term of the scholarship, recipients will be required to attend meetings with a Scholarship facilitator from The Wyatt Trust for the purpose of providing an update on the progress of your studies, to report back the impact and use of the scholarship funds and to demonstrate ongoing financial eligibility.

At the end of each year, recipients of the Len King Scholarship will be required to provide current income statements/ wage slips to prove their ongoing eligibility for the scholarship.

Full time study requirements:

The Len King Scholarship provides payments for up to four years. If the recipient's study plan exceeds this time, it is the recipient's responsibility to make contact and request pro-rata payments to be considered.

To remain eligible for continued payments, scholarship recipients must remain enrolled in a full-time study load of at least nine progress units in semester one and nine progress units in semester two.

In the event that extenuating circumstances means a recipient is unable to continue with a full-time study load for a short period of time, the pro-rata policy will be applied to determine whether the recipient remains eligible for the scholarship. Agreement to institute pro-rata payment of the Scholarship is at the Scholarship's Administrator's discretion.

Recipients who undertake a component of their studies while on overseas student exchange or with another university through an approved cross-institutional arrangement, will continue to receive the scholarship if this study will count towards the requirements of the program in which the student is enrolled.

Deferred studies:

The scholarship can/cannot be deferred. Deferring your studies will rescind your Len King Scholarship. Applicants may re-apply when they recommence their studies.

Barriers to Academic Progress:

In the event of withdrawal or failure to complete courses, recipients must immediately advise The Wyatt Trust in writing at jedwards@wyatt.org.au

The Len King Scholarship Committee recognises that at times extenuating circumstances may impact on academic progress.

Where there are barriers to academic progress, a recipient will be required to demonstrate the following:

- Extenuating medical or compassionate circumstances. Supporting documentation will be required by a medical practitioner or psychologist/psychiatrist
- Alternatively, an Access Plan or letter of support from a University counsellor could be provided to detail the impact on studies without disclosing the details of the condition or circumstance
- Evidence of contact and supports in place within the university
- Demonstrated capacity and engagement to meet the ongoing requirements of the course.

In circumstances where recipients are unable to study full time, the Committee must decide whether

the recipient continues to be eligible for the scholarship.

Agreement to institute pro-rata payment of the Scholarship is at the Scholarship's Administrator's discretion.

Termination of the Len King Scholarship:

The Len King committee may terminate a scholarship for any of the following reasons:

- The event of serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in the application process
- The recipient no longer meets eligibility criteria specified in the rules of the scholarship
- If the recipient transfers out of law
- Once the full value of the scholarship has been paid.

Release of personal details:

The Don Dunstan Foundation may request consent to profile or share Scholar's experience for Annual Reports or advertising of the Len King Scholarship.