



THRIVE SCHOLARSHIP

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the University may award a scholarship known as the Thrive Scholarship (“the award”).

The objective of the award is to strengthen and raise awareness of the acute disadvantages that some students face in accessing university education. The award will support ANU students who can demonstrate a combination of financial disadvantage and intend to develop careers where they have a social impact.

The scholarship fund has been established by The Abey Family Foundation, who has provided funding for the initial three scholarships. The Abey Family Foundation was established by CBE alumnus Arun Abey (BEd '82, BA (Hons) '82) in 2003 to focus in particular on supporting education, economic development, medical research, culture and the arts.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the award will be stated in your scholarship offer letter. The duration of the award will be up to five years depending on the program in which the recipient is enrolled. The award shall be paid at the beginning of each semester unless otherwise stated in the scholarship offer letter.

The scholar is responsible for making payment of all his/her tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University each session. Scholars are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The award shall be available for award each year to a new ANU student who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen or holds an Australian permanent humanitarian visa; and
- (b) is a current school leaver; and
- (c) achieves an ATAR of 80 or higher - including any Educational Access Scheme (EAS) bonus points; and
- (d) is eligible for EAS bonus points

4. APPLICATION

Applications are called for with a closing date as set by Access and Inclusion. The application is submitted via the University Admission Centre (UAC) and supporting statement forwarded to ANU Access and Inclusion via email access.inclusion@anu.edu.au by the closing date.

The supporting statement should be no more than 500 words and detail:

- (i) the circumstances that they have faced and how they could pose a serious challenge to their ability to participate at University and how the scholarship would enable them to reach their full potential and pursue their tertiary education; and

- (ii) how the scholar intends to make a positive impact on society, providing evidence on personal ethos that is oriented to making a difference for others.

5. SELECTION

Selection will be made on the basis of application. Preference may be given to students demonstrating financial hardship.

The award will be offered to a student by a selection Committee chaired by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) which will also include the Deputy Director, Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing, one Associate Dean, the donor or the donor's representative, and a nominee of the donor.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Selection Committee may also vary the number of awards or offer the award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funding allows).

6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient of the Thrive Scholarship is not permitted to concurrently hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries.

Failure to declare and obtain permission to hold another award or scholarship may result in the recipient being required to refund a payment or payments to the College, as determined by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience)

7. DEFERMENT

The scholar must take up their award in the semester for which it is offered. Any requests for deferrals of the award must be approved by Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience). Subject to approval, the award may be deferred for a maximum of one year.

8. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A scholar will be required to enrol in a full-time load, minimum of 18 units per semester.

If the recipient is on international exchange, then the award will be suspended for the duration of the scholar's absence. The maximum period of suspension for an international exchange is one year.

Award recipients are expected to maintain a 60% average each semester (with the average being across all courses taken in a particular semester).

If a recipient is unable to achieve the required average in any semester they will be sent a formal warning.

If a recipient does not meet the required average in a subsequent following semester they will risk having the award suspended or terminated.

Recipients will be given the opportunity to explain their performance and how their performance can be remedied before a decision on the suspension or termination of the award is made.

9. SCHOLARSHIP CESSATION

The award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 2; or
- (b) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (c) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 8;

- (d) if a recipient changes to part-time enrolment without permission,
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission;
- (f) if a recipient fails to meet the minimum academic performance requirements;
- (g) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the Academic Misconduct & Discipline Rules;

whichever is earliest.

10. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

In the event that the recipient becomes ineligible to continue holding the award, subject to the information available at the time, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) may request that the payment for the semester in which the ineligibility occurs be refunded in part or in full.

11. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION

The awarding of a scholarship is based on the information provided to the University and UAC. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship.

12. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional cases and on a case-by-case basis section 6 and/or 7 of these conditions of award may be varied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the recommendation of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Student Experience).

13. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

14. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

15. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the award from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will likely be made through the Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Office or the Alumni Relations and Philanthropy Office of the University.

16. DISCLAIMER

The recipient is subject to The Australian National University Act 1991 as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These conditions of award should be read in conjunction with the University's Coursework Scholarships Policy & Procedures available from the ANU website.

17. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

ANU Coursework Scholarship Policy -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_007803

ANU Coursework Scholarship Procedure -

https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_009607

ANU Academic Misconduct Rule –

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02025>

ANU Discipline Rule –

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2015L02046>