



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Betty Josephine Fyffe Rural Equity Scholarship

ESSENTIALS

Betty Josephine Fyffe Rural Equity Scholarships provide financial assistance to fulltime undergraduate students overcoming educational disadvantage.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your full-time enrolment and academic progress with the University of Newcastle for the duration of the scholarship.
- Notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au of any changes to your circumstances - such as reduced study load, change in program, or withdrawal from study – which may impact your eligibility for this scholarship.
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of accepting your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

The scholarship is ongoing for the standard duration of the program, to a maximum term of 5 years and \$50,000.

ESTABLISHMENT

Betty Fyffe was a local Tamworth girl who grew up in the surrounds of her father's chemist shops. Betty had an absolute passion for Nursing and her strong feelings for St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney where she trained and spent many years providing nursing treatments.

Betty leaves this legacy as her way of trying to improve the education of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals in training with hope that some will return to the country areas to practice their profession.

We hope that all recipients of a Betty Josephine Fyffe Scholarship be as passionate about their career as she was about nursing.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year (including honours) of a Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science, Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Speech Pathology, or Bachelor of Medical Science or Doctor of Medicine program with the College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing at the University of Newcastle;
- Demonstrate the impact of educational disadvantage such as carer and sole parent responsibilities, financial hardship, long-term medical condition, a disability, the ongoing effects of abuse, regional/remote disadvantage, English language difficulty.
- Equity scholarships will also consider applicant attributes such as being an Indigenous Australian, having a Refugee background, or placement with an Out-of-Home Care provider.
- Have lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months within the two years prior to study;
- Demonstrate activity in your local community (for example volunteering or involvement in community projects).
- Be enrolled full time (min 30 units per semester or equivalent);
- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

- A written statement (approx. 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, your experience of financial hardship, activity in your local community, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and discussion of how this scholarship would assist you.
- You may be required to provide documents to support your educational disadvantage claims. These will be identified when you apply based on your individual application responses, but you can get an idea of what kinds of documents are required here.
- Documents substantiating your permanent residential address (not postal) in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months in the two years prior to study with University of Newcastle. Documents must be in your name. For list of acceptable documents can be found here.
- Up to 3 documents which evidence your commitment to leadership within your community, such as a reference, proof of volunteering and community activities, leadership committee or club membership, articles and publications
- Any applicant that does not submit the required documentation, including documentary evidence, will not be considered for selection.

SELECTION

Selection is based on assessment of the scholarship application and suitability for the individual scholarship.

Selection will be made by the College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing. Successful recipients will be communicated to by the delegated Scholarships Officer and all applicants notified of an outcome via email. This will usually occur within 6 weeks of the scholarship close date.

For applicants not receiving an offer, this does not mean you have been assessed as ineligible. The number of applications often far exceeds the number of scholarships available so it may mean that other applicants have been assessed as being in greater need of support at this time. Do not let an unsuccessful outcome deter you from applying for other scholarships and reapplying every year you study.

Preference will be given to applicants who are planning to return to work in a regional or remote area at graduation.

CONDITION OF AWARD

If accepting this scholarship, you agree to the following conditions:

- The scholarship is tenable for up to 5 years. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded, unless otherwise specified.
- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below).
- This scholarship is subject to semester review. Continuation on the scholarship and payment of the scholarship benefit are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress, that is, a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4 or higher;
- If your circumstances change in a way that impacts your eligibility (eg, change in study load or withdrawal from study), you agree to notify scholarships@newcastle.edu.au.
- You will not be required by the donor or the university to undertake employment as a condition of award of this scholarship.
- You agree to write a letter of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within two weeks of receiving your scholarship and be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have the opportunity to meet with the donors of your scholarship.

BENEFIT

The scholarship currently provides a total benefit of \$10,000 per annum to be paid as two lump sums of \$5,000 after Semester one and Semester two census dates. The scholarship is ongoing for the standard duration of the degree, up to 5 years and a maximum of \$50,000.

The scholarship benefit and number of scholarships awarded may vary and will be determined by the funding available each year.

PERIODS OF LEAVE

A scholar may apply in writing to reserve or defer of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. Periods of approved leave or deferral must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study and shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship. All applications for periods of leave must be submitted to the Scholarships Office within the affected semester of study.

TERMINATION

A scholarship will be finalised when the tenure is completed and full payment has been made. Early termination of the scholarship may apply if:

- The scholarship conditions are not met, including relevant eligibility criteria maintained;
- The scholar completes study and/or ceases to be a student with University of Newcastle;
- The scholar has committed serious misconduct.

When early termination is required, the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy will be advised and undertake the most appropriate action in consultation with the Donor/Sponsor and the Scholarships Officer.

Scholarships will not be paid out in full in instances where the recipient completes study before the full scholarship tenure has passed.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

As a scholarship recipient, if you are unable to meet the conditions of the scholarship due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances, you may apply for special consideration. Please apply by writing to the Scholarships Officer via email to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made by Student Central Scholarships staff in consultation with the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

PRIVACY AND COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If applying for a donor-funded scholarship, the application or a summary of information provided with the application may be provided to an external donor and/or their representative. This is for the purpose of scholarship selection and otherwise to inform the donor that the terms of the donation are met.

You may be asked by the Scholarships Officer if you give permission for any short articles or newsletter items to be published. You may have the option to provide a photo, quote and or short paragraph about yourself for this.

The University of Newcastle is committed to the protection of your personal information and privacy. The University will only disclose your personal information to the extent necessary for the purpose of the provision of this scholarship (including scholarship selection and assessing ongoing eligibility requirements).

When applying, please review the Declaration and Authority at the start of your application which includes additional information in relation to privacy and the collection of personal information and links to the University of Newcastle [Privacy Management Plan](#), [Web Privacy Statement](#), and [UAC Privacy Policy](#).

The University reserves the right to make amendments to these terms and conditions without prior notice.

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