



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

MARGARET ILLUKOL TRUST HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

ESSENTIALS

Margaret Illukol Company Ltd honours the life of Margaret Illukol by establishing equity scholarships with the University of Newcastle for students enrolled in human health studies.

If accepting an offer of this scholarship, you will:

- Maintain your enrolment in a Health Studies program as well as a **GPA of 4.0** 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,
- Understand that you may be invited to assist the University and/or Margaret Illukol Company Ltd in promoting this scholarship to future applicants,
- Agree to write a message of thanks to the donor via email to Donor-Relations@newcastle.edu.au within 2 weeks of your offer, and
- Be available for a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week events (usually around September).

This scholarship will support you for up to 3 years of study in your program.

ESTABLISHMENT

Margaret Illukol was born in 1955 in Karimojong, a remote region in the north east of Uganda, where she was attacked by a hyena in 1963 and left with significant disfigurement. Margaret was treated over many years at Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda before being assisted to come to Newcastle by Rotary District 967 in 1974. Newcastle Rotarian, Dr William Walker coordinated major reconstructive surgery for Margaret at Royal Newcastle Hospital. Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians in the District funded her medical care, education and social integration.

Margaret attended high school at St Joseph's College, Lochinvar and then undertook studies in nursing at Gosford District Hospital, graduating in general nursing in 1983. She commenced work as a registered nurse at Royal Newcastle Hospital in 1984 and later at John Hunter Hospital and the Newcastle Mater Hospital. Margaret graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Newcastle in 1996. Margaret retained strong associations with Rotary and the families that supported her in Newcastle. Margaret died in 2015 and left her estate to the Rotary International District 9670 Inc to establish a Trust to be used for charitable purposes in the community within the original geographic boundaries Rotary International District 9670 Inc. The Margaret Illukol Company was established to manage the Margaret Illukol Trust.

The Margaret Illukol Company Ltd has decided to honour Margaret's life by establishing equity scholarships with the University of Newcastle for students enrolled in human health studies.

The intention of the scholarship is to support students who have an equity and financial need. Successful recipients may be invited by Rotary or the University to assist in promoting the scholarships to future applicants.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

This is a donor-funded scholarship from the Margaret Illukol Company Ltd

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, you will need to:

- Be enrolled in any year (including Honours) of one of the approved health studies programs listed for **this scholarship with University of Newcastle**. For the purposes of the scholarship, health studies are defined as: health, medicine, nursing & midwifery, pharmacy, dentistry, and allied health. Health and allied health could include disciplines such as: Health & Medical Sciences, Medical imaging, Radiation therapy, Nutrition & Dietetics, Occupational therapy, Pathology, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Psychology, Speech Pathology, Social Work.
- The following University of Newcastle programs are approved for this scholarship: Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Health Science, Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Medical Science, Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy, Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Podiatry, Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Speech Pathology.
- Be enrolled full time or part-time;
- Demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) required for entry or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students;
- Be in financial need;
- In addition to financial need, you may demonstrate the impact of other educational disadvantages such as being a carer and/or sole parent, having a long term medical condition/disability, ongoing effects of abuse, regional or remote disadvantage, or English language difficulty. This also includes attributes of being an Indigenous Australian or having Refugee status;
- Must reside within the boundaries set down in the Margaret Illukol Trust deed. Eligible postcodes include: 2264, 2265, 2267, 2278, 2281– 2300, 2302 – 2311, 2314 – 2331, 2333 – 2338, 2415, 2420, 2421, 2425, 2820, 2821, 2823 –2825, 2827, 2830, 2835, 2839, 2840, 2842, 2843, 2844, 2848 – 2850, 2852, 2873 – 2875 and 2831 (excluding towns outside the Trust Deed boundary: Goodooga, Muriel, Pine Clump and Quambone).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

As part of your application, you will need to prepare:

- A personal statement (approx. 1 A4 page) outlining your academic achievements, career aspirations in the relevant area of study, and 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](#).

SELECTION

Selection is a competitive process and will be based on assessment of the scholarship application and any required supporting documents.

Selection will be made by the Multi-Faculty Selection Committee which will consist of a minimum of three members chosen by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

The Selection Committee will communicate the details of successful recipients to 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.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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

- You will continue to meet relevant eligibility criteria for the duration of the scholarship, unless special consideration is approved (see below). This includes ongoing enrolment in an eligible program and maintaining a minimum GPA of 4.0.
- You will remain a resident within the approved area for the duration of the scholarship, unless relocating for a course placement or overseas study exchange.
- 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 2 weeks of accepting your offer. You may also – if you wish - provide contact details and permission to be contacted for the purpose of inviting you to assist with promotion of this scholarship to future applicants.
- You will make reasonable efforts to be available to attend a presentation ceremony during Scholars Week (usually around September) where you may have opportunity to meet with donors and/or their representatives.

BENEFIT

The scholarship is ongoing for up to 3 years study in your eligible program, provided ongoing eligibility is met.

The scholarship provides a maximum benefit of \$15,000 over the full scholarship tenure.

You will receive \$5,000 each year, paid as installments of \$2,500 following semester one and two census dates, usually in April and September.

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

PERIODS OF LEAVE

You may apply in writing to scholarships@newcastle.edu.au for consideration to reserve your scholarship if you are unable to study due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by documentary evidence. Periods of approved leave for the scholarship must not exceed two consecutive semesters of study and shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.

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 Student Central.

Ongoing 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. This includes consideration for periods of part-time study. Please apply by via email to the Scholarships Officer at scholarships@newcastle.edu.au. Please provide appropriate documentary evidence to support your request.

A decision will be made in consultation with the Office of Alumni & Philanthropy.

PRIVACY

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

The University of Newcastle will only disclose your personal information to the extent necessary for the purpose of the provision of this scholarship.

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.

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

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