UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

UC Sole Parent Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Purpose of the Scholarship

This Scholarship aims to support sole parents with responsibility of a child or children under the age of 18, to participate in full or part-time study for the semester.

Scholarship Details

The Scholarship is known as the UC Sole Parent Scholarship and is funded by Student Life, the University of Canberra.

Threshold Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants **must** satisfy all of the following threshold criteria.

Applicants must be:

a) a sole parent of a child or children under the age of 18 years.

Application

Applications are submitted via the Scholarship webpage, which provides details including opening and closing dates. Applicants should review the Terms and Definitions page and **must** confirm that all threshold eligibility criteria are met before applying.

To be considered for this Scholarship, applicants must ensure the following sections of the application are completed correctly in addition to their personal details. Applications submitted without the required supporting documentation outlined below (where applicable) may not be considered.

Student Scholarship Details section	
Are you a sole parent?	Select 'Yes.'
Personal statements section	
Provide a statement (maximum 250 words) outlining how your choice of degree will improve future opportunities for yourself and your child/ren.	
Additional information section	
What would a scholarship mean to you and how would it help you in your current circumstances?	Provide a statement addressing how the scholarship will assist your studies.
Additional documents	Upload a copy of your child(ren)'s birth certificate(s).

Applicants may apply once through the Scholarship website. Multiple applications for different scholarships are only permitted if additional space is needed for scholarship-specific personal statements.

All questions in the application form must be answered truthfully and to the best of the applicant's knowledge at the time of submission. Applicants are encouraged to complete all written responses in their own words. Submissions that sound personal and draw on real experiences may be viewed more favourably than those that appear to be AI-generated.

Any significant changes to the application must be communicated to the Scholarships Office at scholarships@canberra.edu.au before the closing date. After this date, applications will be assessed based on the original version. Where multiple applications are received for the same scholarship, the most recent submission will be considered.

Selection

The Scholarship Committee will assess applications under the following criteria:

- 50% - Personal statement indicating how the applicant's choice of degree will improve future opportunities for themselves and their child/ren
- 50% - Personal statement indicating how the scholarship will assist the applicant's studies

The Scholarships Office will shortlist eligible applications for consideration by the Committee, which will review and rank them in accordance with the selection criteria of the Scholarship. The Committee's recommendations will be submitted to Director, Student Connect for approval. After the census date, a final eligibility check will be undertaken before confirming the award and arranging payment of funds.

Number of Scholarships

Four (4) scholarships will be awarded in Semester 1 2027. The University reserves the right not to offer the Scholarship or to award it at any time to an eligible person.

Value and Tenure of the Scholarship

Each Scholarship is currently valued at $5,000 and is paid as a one-off payment via electronic funds transfer. Payment will be processed in the next scheduled payment run after the census date once the eligibility has been confirmed.

Enrolment Conditions

The recipient must be enrolled after the census date for the Scholarship to be awarded.

Recipient Conditions

Information relevant to the Scholarship will be shared between the University of Canberra and the Donor for the purpose of administering the Scholarship. The recipient must adhere to the University's policies and procedures and agree to the disclosure of their academic progress to the Donor.

Recipients are encouraged to meet with the Donor and to provide a brief written summary of how the Scholarship assisted them with their studies. Scholarship-related publicity may also be requested from time to time, including interviews and photographs. The University may also publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be coordinated through the Scholarships, Advancement or Marketing Office.

Concurrent Scholarships

Recipients may not usually be permitted to hold this scholarship concurrently with other scholarships.

Providing False or Misleading Information

The awarding of a scholarship/grant is based on the information provided to the University. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided or relevant information is withheld.

Deferment

The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

Taxation and 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.

Related Policies, Procedures and Rules

- Scholarships, Prizes, Medals, and Excellence Awards Policy
- Scholarships and Prizes Procedure
- Student Charter
- Student Conduct Rules