

## **SYNERGY DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Conditions of Award**

#### **Purpose of the Scholarship**

To support two former defence service persons who are interested in national security, home affairs and international relations.

#### **Scholarship Details**

The scholarship shall be known as the Synergy Defence and National Security Scholarship.

This Scholarship is funded by the Synergy Group Australia.

#### **Eligibility**

The scholarship is open for consideration for former defence service persons and immediate family members enrolled in the 2nd year of an undergraduate degree with an interest in national security, home affairs and international relations.

#### **Application**

Details on how to apply for the Synergy Defence and National Security Scholarship, including opening and closing dates, will be advertised on the Scholarship webpage (<https://www.canberra.edu.au/scholarships>). Payments will be made as soon as possible after census date

Students are expected to apply only once through the Application portal available through the Scholarships website. Applicants must answer each question in the application form truly and to the best of their knowledge at the time of applying. Any major change in the application must be conveyed to the Scholarships Office at [Scholarships@canberra.edu.au](mailto:Scholarships@canberra.edu.au) before the closing date. After this date, applications will be considered based on the original application. In case of multiple applications, the latest application will be considered.

#### **Selection**

The committee will consider the following parameters in the application form:

- 25% Demonstrated Financial Need
- 25% Academic Performance (course GPA)
- 50% Additional Written Statement (Interested in Defence, Home Affairs, and International Relations)

The Scholarships Office will prepare a shortlist of applications who meet the criteria and provide this to the Scholarships committee. The Committee reviews applications and ranks these according to the parameters of the scholarship. The Scholarships Office will collate all the information and submit the Committee's

recommendations for approval. A final check of eligibility is completed after the census date prior to awarding the Scholarships.

### **Number of Scholarships**

Two Scholarships will be awarded. The Committee reserves the right not to offer an award/to offer an award at any time to an eligible person.

### **Value and Tenure of the Scholarship**

The value of each scholarship is \$20,000 per student. The scholarship is paid in 2 equal instalments of \$5,000 per semester, which is paid after the census date via Electronic Funds Transfer.

### **Enrolment Conditions**

The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student after the census date in an Undergraduate Program for the scholarship to be awarded (The scholarship payments will depend on the student's study load).

- a) Be enrolled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of an undergraduate degree at the University of Canberra
- b) Be known as a former defence service person or an immediate family member of such a person and able to provide a Statutory Declaration
- c) Achieving a Credit Average in their enrolled course
- d) Not be found in breach of the University's student conduct rules
- e) Consent to personal information relevant to the scholarship being shared between the University and the Donor to administer their scholarship.

### **Recipient Conditions**

The recipients are encouraged to liaise and meet with the donor of their Scholarship and provide a brief summary of how the scholarship assists them with their studies as directed by the Scholarships Office when required. The scholarship holder is also encouraged to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through either the UC Scholarships, Advancement or Marketing Office.

### **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. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship/grant.

### **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

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

## **Related Policies, Procedures and Rules**

Scholarships, Prizes, Medals and Awards Policy

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/117>

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<https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/83>

Student Charter

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/200>

Student Conduct Rules

[https://www.canberra.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/1379069/University-of-Canberra-Student-Conduct-Rules-2018-.pdf](https://www.canberra.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1379069/University-of-Canberra-Student-Conduct-Rules-2018-.pdf)