

HUMANITARIAN (ASYLUM SEEKER) SCHOLARSHIP

Information to Applicants

Description

These scholarships may be for an undergraduate degree or a postgraduate coursework degree and cover the tuition fees relevant to the program of study, for the duration of the study program. The scholarship also covers the cost of one IELTS language test to ensure the applicant's English language skills are sufficient for study at university level. Applicants must be prepared to undertake full-time study unless exceptional circumstances exist. These scholarships are funded by La Trobe International.

Eligibility

1. Two scholarships are available each year for students who have been granted asylum seeker status by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
 - Should the scholarship holder's immigration status move from asylum seeker to permanent humanitarian protection visa during the course of the study program, the scholarship holder will become ineligible for the Humanitarian scholarship at the first census date after the humanitarian protection visa is gained. At that stage the scholarship holder could move to a HECS-Help payment arrangement.
 - Should the scholarship holder's immigration status move from asylum seeker to permanent resident during the course of the study program, the scholarship holder will continue to receive scholarship funds as no HECS-Help arrangement is available to permanent residents, nor are they eligible for a Commonwealth Scholarship.
2. The scholarship will be withdrawn if the scholarship holder does not pass all subjects each semester.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial hardship.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the attached scholarship application form, and write a 300 word statement of purpose detailing why they should receive the scholarship. Applicants must also complete the relevant La Trobe University undergraduate or postgraduate application form for **international students** applying for a university place.

Assistance in Completing this Application Form

A Refugee Contact Person is available on each campus to check your completed application form before you submit it. Please phone 03) 9479 2900 to speak with a Refugee Contact Person.

Application Closing Date

Applications close on **15 December 2009** for the Semester 1 2010 intake. If you are currently studying your VCE your ENTER score should be provided to La Trobe International once it becomes available.

Return your completed application form to:

Equality Diversity Centre
Bundoora Campus
La Trobe University
Victoria 3086

Fax: (03) 9479 1246
Email: equality@latrobe.edu.au

Section 3. Education Background

10. What is your highest level of educational attainment?

- Year 11 or below Year 12 or equivalent TAFE Diploma/Certificate
Undergraduate Postgraduate

11. Briefly describe your education, including courses you have studied in Australia and your country of origin, even if you did not complete it. Please attach to your application a certified copy of any relevant academic transcripts or testamurs.

Section 4. Personal Circumstances

12. Please attach a Statement of Purpose (300 word maximum) detailing why they should receive a scholarship.

Section 5. Supporting Statement from Relevant Professional Person

13. Please attach a Supporting Statement (300 word maximum) from a professional person who can testify that you are experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford to pay university course fees. This may be a person who is assisting you in your settlement in Australia eg a representative from Red Cross, or the Hotham Mission, or the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, or similar organisation.

Section 6. Applicant Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this application and the documentation supporting it is true and complete. I acknowledge that the provision of false information or documentation or the withholding of information or documentation relating to my application may result in the cancellation of any scholarship by La Trobe University. I confirm that I have read and understood the information for applicants and understand the conditions of the scholarship. I authorise La Trobe University to obtain, where necessary, further information regarding this application from other relevant bodies. I understand that the scholarship process is competitive and that not all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria can be awarded a scholarship. I will verify my ongoing eligibility as required.

NOTE: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth)

Signature:

Date:

Privacy Statement

La Trobe University is providing you with this notice because the university has sought personal information about you. The university needs the information so that it can fully and properly assess your application in accordance with its policies and procedures. The information you supply on this form and in any documentation supplementary to this application may be provided to scholarship selection authorities.