



# St Leo's College Foundation

## DROUGHT & BUSH FIRE ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP 2019 GUIDE

Please read prior to completing application form.

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

St Leo's College Foundation has announced a program of accommodation scholarships for those families struggling in Queensland's drought and bush fire affected areas. Six scholarships are offered and are aimed at helping those families whose sons wanted to begin or continue their university study, but were finding that difficult because of circumstances.

Two full accommodation scholarships will be made available for students attending university for the first time. An additional four \$5000 bursaries would be made available to students returning to St Leo's for the second year, in 2019.

Successful applicants will receive board and accommodation in a standard room at St Leo's College located at St Lucia within The University of Queensland campus.

### Definitions

The following terms are used in this document, and have the meaning indicated:

<b>Scholarship</b>	St Leo's College Foundation Drought & Bush Fire Assistance Scholarship
<b>College</b>	St Leo's College
<b>Committee</b>	the Scholarship Selection Committee
<b>Foundation</b>	St Leo's College Foundation Ltd
<b>QTAC</b>	the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre
<b>Student</b>	the eligible person seeking to take up residence at St Leo's College
<b>University</b>	The University of Queensland and/or other university with a Brisbane campus.

### Eligibility

An applicant must be:

1. a current Year 12 student or current gap year student (with that gap year being in the year immediately following the applicant's Year 12 matriculation);
2. an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa;
3. relocating from their permanent home address in order to attend a university in Brisbane;
4. able to provide evidence of financial need that demonstrates the student will be unable to commence studies at University in Brisbane without the financial assistance provided by this Scholarship
5. intending to enroll in an bachelor's degree program at a University, which could also include a dual program, and may not have previously undertaken tertiary studies, other than special university programs designed for secondary school programs..

Applicants must have applied to St Leo's for a college place to be considered for a St Leo's College Foundation Drought & Bush Fire Assistance Scholarship.



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### **Application Process**

An application form can be downloaded from the St Leo's College website at the under Scholarships and Bursaries.

The completed application form must be submitted by Wednesday 23 January 2019 to the Foundation mailbox: [foundation@stleos.uq.edu.au](mailto:foundation@stleos.uq.edu.au).

All applications will be assessed by the Selection Committee in the week commencing Tuesday 29 January 2019, i.e. a week after the main round of QTAC offers are made.

Applicants will be shortlisted and contacted by Friday 1 February 2019 to arrange a telephone interview by the Selection Committee.

Interviews will be conducted in the week commencing 4 February 2019.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application within a few days of interviews being completed.

The awarding of a Scholarship does not guarantee a place at University. Offers of a place are made by QTAC.

### **Selection Policies**

In addition to demonstrating financial need, other factors that may be taken into consideration include: home location, school attended, community service and refugee status.

Preference will be given to students from the following categories:

1. Students from regional and remote areas;
2. Low socioeconomic backgrounds;
3. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students;
4. Students with a disability
5. At the College's Scholarship Selection Committee's discretion

The St Leo's College Foundation Drought & Bush Fire Assistance Scholarship Selection Committee is chaired by the Chair of the St Leo's College Foundation.

The Committee reserves the right to make no award, or to award the Scholarship at other times in exceptional circumstances if it considers there are no eligible applicants at the time it first considers applications.

### **Conditions of Offer**

The awarding of a St Leo's College Drought & Bush Fire Assistance Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient:

- taking up the offer of a place at a university in Brisbane in 2019; and
- taking up the offer of a place at St Leo's College in 2019; and
- completing the St Leo's College Residential Contract; and
- confirming they do not currently hold any other scholarship or bursary; and
- agreeing to provide any relevant information to determine their ongoing eligibility for a Scholarship.

### **Concurrent awards**

A new resident Scholarship recipient may not hold other merit based scholarships or bursary at the University or St Leo's College.

A returning resident Scholarship recipient may hold other merit based scholarships at the University or St Leo's College.



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### **Ongoing Eligibility**

In order to continue to hold a Scholarship, recipients are required to:

- remain enrolled in a standard fulltime study load of 8 units in each semester, unless otherwise approved by St Leo's College; and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress by achieving:
  - at least a pass grade in all courses in which the student is enrolled each semester and;
  - a minimum semester Grade Point Average of 4 in each semester of enrolment.

### **Deferment**

A Scholarship may not be deferred.

### **Termination**

A Scholarship will be terminated where a recipient:

1. withdraws from his approved program of study;
2. fails to meet the ongoing eligibility requirements as outlined in these Conditions of Award;
3. fails to comply with the conditions of the St Leo's College residential contract
4. residency at the College ends.

### **Appeal Process**

An applicant who is not awarded a Scholarship, or a Scholarship recipient whose Scholarship is terminated, or a Scholarship recipient whose application for deferment has been refused may lodge an appeal to the Committee if they consider their application has not been handled with procedural fairness.

Appeals must be received in writing by the College's Registrar within 14 days of the applicant receiving notification of the decision.

### **Scholarship Holder's Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the Scholarship holder to:

- advise St Leo's College immediately if he changes program or study load or withdraws
- determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to his individual circumstances.