



St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship 2026 Conditions of Award

1.0 Purpose

The St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship assists regional and remote students, including students from within Greater & Metropolitan Brisbane, regional and rural Australia and overseas to access the opportunities at the University of Queensland and/or other Brisbane universities in order to access the cultural infrastructure and opportunities at the University of Queensland.

All Applicants of the Scholarship must also be intending to commence tertiary studies in the year following application and reside at St Leo's College.

1.0 Definitions

In these Conditions of Award:

Scholarship means the St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship;

College means St Leo's College;

QTAC means the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre.

Pursuit means area of expertise and could include areas as diverse as Chess, musical accomplishment, oratory, acting or artistic ability, and others.

ICC; Inter-College Council means those sports, pursuits and activities contested in the names of the UQ colleges by Residents at the UQ colleges.

2.0 Value & Duration

Up to six Scholarships to the value of \$3,000.00 may be awarded to students commencing tertiary study and beginning residence at St Leo's in 2026.

The Scholarship comprises discounted accommodation places at St Leo's to the total value of \$3000.00 per Scholarship comprising \$2,000.00 for the first year of the Award and \$1,000.00 for the second year of the Award, if returning to St Leo's College.

Scholarship payments will be made in two equal instalments, one at the start of each semester, to each successful Applicant's accommodation account at the College.

3.0 Eligibility

An Applicant must be:

1. a current Year 12 male student or current gap year student (with that gap year being in the year immediately following the Applicant's Year 12 graduation);
2. a St Leo's College applicant;
3. able to demonstrate an elite level of competence in a cultural pursuit.

Applicants must be intending to enrol in a degree program, which could also include a dual program or special university programs designed for secondary school students.

4.0 Application Procedure

An Applicant must write to the Head of St Leo's College indicating his wish to be considered for a St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship.

In this correspondence, an Applicant must note his achievements and also commit to representing St Leo's in its ICC endeavours.

An Applicant must also include the contact details of two personal or professional Referees, either of whom the Head of College may contact to verify the Applicant's achievements.

5.0 Selection Policies

Selection will be made on the basis of the level of cultural excellence of the Applicant *cf* that of other Applicants.

A Scholarship selection committee comprising the Head of St Leo's College, the Deputy Head of College and the Dean of Students shall confer the Awards.

The Selection 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.

6.0 Concurrent Awards

A St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship recipient:

1. may apply for /hold other merit based Scholarships at UQ or St Leo's College, and
2. may apply for/hold any other equity Bursaries at UQ or St Leo's College.

7.0 Ongoing Eligibility

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

1. remain enrolled in a standard fulltime study load of 8 units in each semester, unless otherwise approved by St Leo's College; and,
2. continue to represent St Leo's in the ways described above (except where injury or academic commitments intervene); and,
3. 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.

8.0 Deferral

A St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship may not be voluntarily deferred (aside from the Gap Year rule).

Recipients who are unable to commence their studies and/or take up their offer of a place at St Leo's College due to circumstances beyond their control may apply in writing to the Head of College for permission to defer their Scholarship for a maximum period of one year and provide relevant supporting documentation to support their Application.

9.0 Termination

A St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship will be terminated where a successful applicant:

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 or;
4. terminates his residency at St Leo's.

10.0 Scholarship Holders' Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Scholarship holder to advise his University and St Leo's College immediately if he changes program or study load or withdraws.

It is the Scholarship holder's responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the Award, if any, which apply to his individual circumstances.

11.0 Offer

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their Application prior to the release of QTAC's main offer round in January.

11.1 Conditions of Offer

The awarding of a St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient:

- taking up the offer of a university place in 2026; and
- taking up the offer of a place at St Leo's College in 2026; and
- completing the St Leo's College Residential Contract; and
- agreeing to provide any relevant information to determine his ongoing eligibility for a Scholarship.

Note: The awarding of a St Leo's College Cultural Excellence Scholarship does NOT guarantee a place at UQ or other Brisbane universities. Offers of a place at UQ and elsewhere are made by QTAC.

11.2 St Leo's Cultural Scholarship Applications remain open until QTAC main offer round, however the College will be conferring Cultural Excellence Scholarships prior to QTAC's main offer round.

12.0 Applications

Applications must be submitted to the College on the form provided. Applications are now open.