**Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship**

**Information & Application Form**

**Information**

The Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship was established via a personal gift from the late Jean Pearce to support commencing students from a financially disadvantaged and rural or isolated background in South Australia including Whyalla and Mt Gambier. The scholarship aims to support young people who have completed a senior secondary qualification within the last two years and who have gained life experience outside of school.

In order to apply, applicants must have already received an offer from UniSA and deferred their study.

**Eligibility and selection criteria**  
To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

* be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
* have had a gap year between leaving high school and commencing university studies.
* have completed their secondary schooling within two years prior to commencing their UniSA program.
* have received a UniSA offer and deferred their place for no more than two years.
* enrol fulltime in a UniSA undergraduate program
* have lived in a rural or isolated area of South Australia (including Whyalla and Mt Gambier) for at least three of the four years immediately prior to the scholarship application.
  + Applicants from Whyalla or Mt Gambier will only be eligible for this scholarship if the program of study is located at a UniSA campus other than their home town.
* not have already attended a tertiary or higher education institution
* cannot be in receipt of any other scholarships administered by UniSA during the scholarship term
* be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage

Applicants are required to provide the following:

* a complete application form
* statements from two referees as character references. At least one of these references must be from a referee not connected to your school.
* evidence of financial disadvantage (details below)
* a written statement (500-750 words) outlining:
  + Proposed University of South Australia program
  + Career and personal goals
  + Details of any previous awards or scholarships that you have received
  + How your gap year has helped you
* documentary evidence of subjects studied during year 12 and ATAR achieved (with and without adjustment factors)

**How to apply**  
Applicants should submit this completed application form and supporting documentation to:  
UniSA Scholarship Office

Student and Academic Services  
Email: [scholarships.prizes@unisa.edu.au](mailto:scholarships.prizes@unisa.edu.au)

**Value**: $125,000 over 5 years

The scholarship will cover fees, accommodation, living and other expenses relating to the program of study.

Disbursement of the scholarship funds will include a stipend payment made to the student for living and other expenses on a fortnightly basis during Study Periods only.

Payment of the stipend will commence at the beginning of Study Period 2 in the first year of full-time studies.

The stipend will not normally be paid during the end of year break unless the recipient chooses to enrol in additional Study Periods.

Payment of the stipend will re-commence in Study Period 2 in the following year.

**Note:** The recipient will be selected on the basis of demonstrated financial disadvantage, a personal written statement and character references. The character references are an important aspect of selection and as such applicants are advised to request descriptive references from their referees that provides a good overall indication of character.

**For more information:**

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Confidentiality - all information you provide in this application will be treated as confidential according to University Policy A.46 Confidentiality of Students’ Personal Information. Your personal information can only be released in special circumstances, where the law requires, or where you give permission.

**Application**

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| **Personal Details** | | | | | |
| Full name: | | | | | |
| Date of birth: | Mobile phone number: | | | | |
| Email address: | | | | | |
| Home address: | | | | | |
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| State: | | Postcode: | | | |
| Have you lived in a rural or isolated area for the past 4 years? : | | | | | |
| Please indicate your residential status from the dropdown: | | | | | |
| Do you authorise the University of South Australia to disclose your contact information to the donors of this scholarship for the purposes of contacting you directly? | | | | Y | N |
| **Study Details** | | | | | |
| Do you intend to relocate to Adelaide, Whyalla or Mount Gambier to commence full-time undergraduate study at UniSA? | | | | Y | N |
| What program do you intend to study at UniSA: | | | | | |
| In what year did you complete or do you anticipate completing year 12: | | | | | |
| Secondary school name and address: | | | | | |
| ATAR score (before adjustment factors) (if known) :  ATAR score (including adjustment factors) (if known): | | | | | |
| Have you ever studied or enrolled at any university before? | | | | Y | N |
| Have you been offered a place at UniSA and deferred? | | | | Y | N |
| If yes, what year did you defer: | | | | | |
| Are you in receipt of any other scholarship or grant administered by UniSA? | | | | Y | N |
| UniSA student ID number (if known) : | | | SATAC application number (if known) : | | |

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| **Evidence of Financial Disadvantage** | | |
| Please read all the following options carefully, then select the **one** that most accurately reflects your current situation. | | |
| I am currently in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a means-tested Centrelink benefit(s) e.g. Abstudy, Austudy, Youth Allowance, etc. | Y | N |
| If your answer is yes, please provide either:   * **Proof of a copy of your Health Care Card (both sides)**, your name clearly detailed on it and dated within the last two months. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.   OR   * **Proof of Government Assistance**: a Centrelink income statement. Must not be older than 2 months before the date of application - earlier statements will not be accepted. Must detail your name - web print outs will not be accepted. Must clearly state the name of the benefit(s) you receive (AUSTUDY, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Rent Assistance, etc) eg. - unclear statements or those with acronyms will not be accepted. | | |
| I am currently in the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP). | Y | N |
| If your answer is yes, please provide:   * A copy of your NICP contract with your employer. | | |
| My partner/parent/guardian is in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a Centrelink benefit(s), AND I am listed as a dependent on their Health Care Card. | Y | N |
| If your answer is yes, please provide:   * **Proof of a copy of your partner/parent/guardian's Health Care Card (both sides),** with your name clearly detailed on it, to show that you are their dependent. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card. | | |
| I am **NOT** in receipt of a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit as I am not yet considered independent by Centrelink. | Y | N |
| If your answer is yes, please provide:  **UniSA Assessment Form**: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form:  https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/scholarships/equity-scholarships-at-unisa/study-grants/scholarshipapplicationassessment/ | | |
| I am from a household of primary producers (eg farmers) and am not eligible for a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit. | Y | N |
| If your answer is yes, please provide:  **UniSA Assessment Form**: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form:  https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/scholarships/equity-scholarships-at-unisa/study-grants/scholarshipapplicationassessment/ | | |

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| **Character Reference** | |
| Please attach character references. The character reference must also verify that you have lived in a rural or isolated area for at least four years prior to the scholarship application.  Please note that your referee must not be related to you. Examples of a suitable referee could include a teacher, school principal, lawyer, social worker, religious or community leader, Justice of the Peace (JP).  One of your referees should not be connected to your school.  Once completed, the referees must sign below, and the statements should be attached and returned with this application. | |
| **Referee declaration (1st referee)** | |
| I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant | |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Full name: | |
| Postal address: | |
| State: | Postcode: |
| Phone number: | |
| Occupation: | Relationship to applicant: |
| **Referee declaration (2nd referee)** | |
| **I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant** | |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Full name: | |
| Postal address: | |
| State: | Postcode: |
| Phone number: | |
| Occupation: | Relationship to applicant: |

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| **Applicant Declaration** | |
| I declare that the information I have supplied about my personal and study details is true and complete. I acknowledge that should this information be found to be incorrect, any scholarship awarded to me may be withdrawn.  I authorise the University of South Australia to confirm my Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) to support my application.  I authorise the University of South Australia to disclose all information contained within my application to the donors of this scholarship (who are external to the University) for the purposes of assessing my application. | |
| Signature: | Date: |

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| **Checklist** |
| Please ensure you have provided the following:  Completed application form  Evidence of financial disadvantage  Documentary evidence of ATAR and subjects studied in year 12 (if available)  Character reference declaration completed, and referee statements attached  Written Statement  Signed the application declaration of this form |

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Following your submission of your application, you will receive an email acknowledging your submission from the University of South Australia. This may take a few days.

Assessments take place after the closing date of the application period.   During the assessment period, you may be contacted by a UniSA staff member to clarify information that you have provided, or to request further documentation to support your application.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application approximately 8 weeks after the closing date.   This will be via an email to the email account that you have provided in your application form.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview; applicants who have been shortlisted will receive an email notifying them of the details of the interview, including date, time, location, panel members and what to expect.

Successful applicants will receive an email notifying them of their outcome and outlining the terms and the ongoing conditions of receiving the scholarship.   They will also receive an automated email of offer, which they must accept in order to receive payment of the scholarship.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an email notifying them of their outcome.