UTR2.236 - ESTHER BURNS/DECS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

Background –

A. Esther Burns died on 12 November 1994 and by her Will dated 25 November 1989 bequeathed one-half of her residuary trust estate ($37,000 approx) to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘...one half of the said monies shall be paid to the University of Adelaide for such purpose as the Registrar for the time being shall direct absolutely....’

B. The late Esther Burns was a graduate of the University and a well respected teacher who taught at Port Augusta High School in 1968 and then at Quorn Area School from 1970 until her retirement in 1976.

C. Established in 2010, the Esther Burns/DECS Country Scholarships have been made possible due to the generous bequest by Esther Burns which was matched by dollar-for-dollar funding by the Department of Education and Children’s Services (‘donors’).

D. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist final-year students who are qualified to teach Science or Mathematics and who intend to complete a country teaching practicum.

E. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donors and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The Esther Burns/DECS Country Scholarships’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the bequest of the donors.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

(a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor; and

(b) to establish a scholarship in the manner described in the following Rules.
Rules

4. ‘The Esther Burns/DECS Country Scholarships’ are administered according to the following Rules:-

   (1) The Scholarship shall be known as ‘The Esther Burns/DECS Country Teaching Scholarship’.

   (2) The Scholarship is open to students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia and undertaking the final year of a Bachelor of Teaching or a Graduate Diploma of Education program at the University of Adelaide. Students must be intending to complete a country practicum teaching in the area of Science or Maths.

   (3) Students must be a Commonwealth Supported student and may undertake their study on a full or part time basis.

   (4) Up to 6 scholarships will be available each year. The maximum duration of the scholarships is one year. The scholarships will be offered each year in perpetuity commencing in 2010.

   (5) The annual value of the scholarships shall be $1,000 each, payable in one instalment. Payment will be made after the Semester 1 census date (31 March) in each year.

   (6) The scholarships shall be administered by the Scholarships Office of the University on behalf of the Coursework Scholarships Committee.

   (7) Students in receipt of other major University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.

   (8) The Scholarships will be advertised on the University’s website at the beginning of the academic year and within the Student Centre of the University. Students will need to complete an application form for the Scholarship.

   (9) Selection of the successful candidate will be made by the Convenor of the Coursework Scholarships Committee according to academic merit. Academic merit will be assessed based on students’ cumulative Grade Point Average [GPA] for the preceding year/s.

   (10) Any information provided by the applicant or additional information obtained for the purpose of selection of the scholarship recipient, will only be used for the selection process of this Scholarship and will be managed in accordance with the University of Adelaide Privacy Policy and Management Plan available at http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/62. Information supplied on the application
form or obtained for the selection process will not be disclosed by the University or the donor without the written consent of the applicant.

(11) Students will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application. DECS will be advised of the name/s of the successful Scholarship recipients and will receive a report of the progress of the successful applicants each year.

(12) The scholarship will be terminated where:
   • a student ceases to be enrolled in the approved program of study at the University;
   • a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their scholarship application;
   • a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

(13) The rules of the Scholarship may be varied from time to time by the University, but the intent of the Scholarships shall not be changed.

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