UTR2.254 – EDWARD RYCHTER SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGLISH

Background –

A. Gwendoline Mary Rychter died on 30 September 2012 and bequeathed in her Will $50,000 to the University of Adelaide as follows:-

“….the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($50,000.00) to THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE OF North Terrace Adelaide in the said State for the use and general purposes of the said University AND I EXPRESS the wish but without creating any binding trust or imposing any legal obligation in respect thereof that the said University will use or apply the income resulting from the investment of that gift to provide assistance (for a period of not more than three years in respect of any one student) to a financially-deserving student of the English Department of the said University to allow that student to continue with his or her English studies....”

B. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor 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 ‘Edward Rychter Scholarship in English’ (‘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 trusts specified by the donor.

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

1. The scholarship shall be known as The “Edward Rychter Scholarship in English”.

2. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage further study in English.
3. Recipients must be Australian citizens/permanent residents of Australia undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student and must remain enrolled on a full time basis in the approved program for which the scholarship was approved.

4. One scholarship shall be awarded to a 3rd or 4th year undergraduate student undertaking the Bachelor of Arts program and majoring in English at the University of Adelaide.

5. Recipients must demonstrate genuine financial need and academic merit.

6. The annual value of the scholarship is $3,000 payable in two equal instalments direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment in their 3rd or 4th year of study and satisfactory academic progress after each of the census dates (usually 31 March and 31 August each year).

7. The scholarship will provide assistance with education and living costs for a maximum of one year for which the recipient is offered the Scholarship, subject to the student maintaining a Grade Point of Average of at least 5.0 in each semester of enrolment.

8. No more than one scholarship will be tenable at any time. The scholarship will not be offered again until completion of the current running scholarship.

9. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by the Head of the Department of English according to academic merit and financial need. Academic merit for continuing students will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

10. The scholarship shall be awarded on the advice of the Head of the Department of English, who shall nominate a candidate for the scholarship by 31 January of the year for which the award is to be made.

11. The scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If a student declines the scholarship offer, the scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.

12. The scholarship shall be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.

13. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.

14. No award shall be made if in the opinion of the Faculty of Arts no candidate is of sufficient merit.

15. 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 personal details;
   - a student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress for two consecutive semesters;

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• a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

16. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.

Rules approved by Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President (Academic) 11 April 2016