UTR2.37 - THE WILLIAM DONNITHORNE AWARDS

Background –

A. William Donnithorne (‘donor’) died on 4 September 1952 and by his Will dated 10 May 1951 bequeathed 10/50ths of his residuary estate to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:-

‘…..As to the remaining 10/50ths share of the residue of my estate and any accruements thereto for THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE absolutely and it is my wish that the funds represented thereby shall be held by the University of Adelaide and the income thereof applied annually to assist one medical student and one law student to continue their studies as the Chancellor of the University may decide and that these funds be known as the “William Donnithorne Award”.’

B. These scholarships are available to assist one medical student and one law student to continue their studies at the University of Adelaide.

C. 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 William Donnithorne Awards’ (‘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 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(s); and

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

Rules

4. The William Donnithorne Awards are administered according to the following Rules:-

(1) These scholarships are available to assist one medical student and one law student to continue their studies at the University of Adelaide.

(2) In the case of the award for Medicine, applicants must have completed at least one full year of the MBBS.
In the case of the award for Law, applicants must have completed at least two years of tertiary study, including a minimum of 8 units of law subjects.

The value of the scholarships in 2013 is $2000 each.

The award will be based on both academic merit and financial need.

Applicants need to demonstrate financial need and be able to provide supporting documentary evidence at the time of applying e.g. details of income tested Commonwealth income support payment such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY benefits, or other details of their financial circumstances.

Each award shall be tenable for one year. Applicants may reapply for scholarships in subsequent years but will compete with new applicants. No preference will be granted to continuing students who have held a scholarship in the previous year.

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.