BACKGROUND

The Alex Burnard Scholarship has been established by a donation of $2,000 to the University in 1972 by Mrs Olive Mary Burnard, widow of the late Dr David Alexander Burnard, MBE, for the purpose of establishing a scholarship in memory of Dr Burnard, who in 1932 was the third person admitted to the degree of Doctor of Music in the University.

The Scholarship was supplemented by a bequest from Allan George Francis, who died in 1987 and bequeathed to the University $1,000 to provide awards or prizes for compositions for solo instruments or for small chamber music combinations by students of composition.

The following rules are hereby made:

RULES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Scholarship shall be known as “The Alex Burnard Scholarship”.

2. The annual value of the Scholarship is $3,500, payable direct to the student.

3. One scholarship shall be awarded on an annual basis and be tenable for one year.

4. A candidate for the scholarship shall be a student of composition within an Honours or Masters program at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

5. 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.

6. The scholarships shall be administered by the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

7. Selection of the successful candidate will be made on the recommendation of the Director of the Elder Conservatorium.

8. The scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship or award.

9. Where two or more candidates are of equal merit in any year, the Scholarship may be divided equally amongst them.

10. 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;
    • a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

11. The rules of the Scholarship may be varied from time to time but the title and the purpose of the scholarship shall not be changed.

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