

Purpose

The Lesley Shorne Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011. The Scholarship will recognise and support a mature age woman commencing a Doctor of Medicine in a Commonwealth supported place at Flinders University.

The Scholarship aims to support a woman who has a demonstrated commitment to improving the well-being of women through their involvement as a volunteer, through work or study in the areas of Health, Education Safety, Social Justice, Poverty or Advocacy. The Lesley Shorne Scholar will be expected to attend an annual event and will have opportunities to participate in a network associated with the Lesley Shorne Scholars.

Source of funds

The Scholarship has been established from a bequest made from the estate of Dr Lesley Shorne, and contributed to by family, friends and colleagues.

Throughout her professional career, Dr Shorne used her medical knowledge and experience for the betterment of women.

She was a keen advocate for their rights and for their health and also worked to improve training programs in the area of women's health. She was a strong proponent of social justice. This Scholarship aims to assist women who might otherwise find it difficult to study.

Benefits

The successful Lesley Shorne Scholar will receive \$1000 annually for up to 4 years.

Eligibility

Applicants for the Scholarship must:

- be enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place in the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University; and
- be a woman of at least 25 years of age on 1 January of the year the Scholarship is to be awarded; and
- be able to demonstrate a commitment to improving women's well-being in specific areas such as Health, Education Safety, Social Justice, Poverty or Advocacy.

Tenure

The Scholarship is offered annually and recipients will receive one payment of \$1000 after the Semester 1 census date each year for the duration of the course (up to 4 years). Payments will not be made for a repeat or deferred year but would continue for subsequent years. The Scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the selection panel. There is no obligation to offer the Scholarship in any given year, should there not be a suitable applicant.

Selection

The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:

- demonstrated commitment to women's health and well-being;
- financial need and/or example of an obstacle overcome in order to commence or continue with their studies

All applications deemed eligible will be assessed against these criteria by a panel consisting of representatives from the College of Medicine and Public Health and the family of Dr Lesley Shorne.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online through the Flinders University Student System by the specified closing date.

Advertising

The availability of the scholarship will be described on the University website.