



Conditions of The Len Roberts Memorial Scholarship

The Len Roberts Memorial Scholarship has been established by the Catenians. Len Roberts was a prominent figure in the Catenian Association in Australia and was instrumental in establishing the charity in 2015. Len saw the need to advance the careers of young Catholic Australians by providing financial assistance to needy students and helping relieve some of their financial stress. The Scholarship is administered in accordance with the following scholarship program conditions and the University's [Student Scholarships Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Len Roberts Memorial Scholarship

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support and encouragement to continuing undergraduate students enrolled at The University of Notre Dame Australia (*University*).

3. CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be categorised as equity-based on its core purpose and criteria.

4. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will be \$5,000 for one year. Up to two (2) scholarships are available per year.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be an Australian Citizen;
- b) Be enrolled in the second year or beyond of an undergraduate program at the University;
- c) Identify as Catholic and demonstrate Catholic faith;
- d) Be aged 24 years or under in the relevant academic period;
- e) Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of the Catenians as outlined in APPENDIX 1; and
- f) Inform the University if in receipt of any other scholarship;
- g) Meet the circumstances set out in the selection criteria.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrates through their application and supporting documentation:

- a) Financial need; and
- b) Commitment to the principles of the Catenians.

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Applications and selection are administered in accordance with the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#).
- b) Applications must be made via the University website.
- c) Selection must be undertaken by the Notre Dame Scholarships Selection Committee.
- d) Selections will be made based on assessment of the application and any supporting documentation required by sections 4 and 6 above.
- e) All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email.
- f) The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) Subject to section 11, the Scholarship will be tenable for one year.
- b) The Scholarship is not transferable to any other organisation or institution.

9. QUANTITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) Up to two (2) scholarships will be available annually.
- b) This scholarship will be on a recurrent annual offering, of up to two (2) scholarships each year.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to provide payment details for payment of funds.
- c) Scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments, at the beginning of each semester, provided the recipient meets the Conditions of Continuation in section 11.

11. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient meeting the General Scholarship Terms outlined in the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#), including:

- a) Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester; and
- b) Maintaining part-time enrolment in the same program upon receiving the scholarship.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- a) Fail to meet the requirements in a) and b) above;
- b) Are found to have breached the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
- c) Discontinue their program;
- d) Defer their enrolment.

The recipient can suspend the scholarship if they take an approved leave of absence.

If the recipient has not maintained the Conditions of Continuation due to extenuating circumstances, the recipient may make an application in writing to Student Success, who holds discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to:

- a) Submit an Annual Scholarship Update at the end of each calendar year throughout the scholarship term.
- b) Notify the University of any changes in circumstance throughout the scholarship term.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

13. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

14. PRIVACY

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third-party without the written consent of the applicant as obtained by the student declarations on the student application form.

The University may share personal information obtained through (the Scholarship application) with third parties where the third-party is a member of a selection committee as described in sections 5 and 7. This information is shared for the purposes of selection only.

For reporting, the University may also share personal information for the purposes of the student meeting the requirements in sections 11; or where the student consents in writing to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship. This may include arranging for media opportunities that include the student and the third-party donor.

15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

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Responsible Executive:	Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic
Responsible Office:	Student Success
Contact:	scholarships@nd.edu.au
Effective Date:	May 2025
Campus Applicability:	National
Modification History:	June 2026

APPENDIX 1

The Catenians are a network of Catholic men and families who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other throughout the world.

Founded in 1908 in Manchester England, Catenians can now be found in many countries and today are active throughout the world including Australia, Bangladesh, Channel Islands, England, India, Ireland, Malta, Nazareth, Scotland, South Africa, Wales and Zimbabwe.

Each local branch (or Circle as we call them) provides a varied social program for all ages. The Catenians meet monthly and arrange activities for our members and families: meals together, barbecues, coffee mornings, picnics, walking groups, golf, visits to the theatre and sporting events are all popular. They provide friendship, advice, opportunities, care, a listening ear, and if necessary, financial support.

Many of the Catenian members are active in their parishes in a variety of roles including but not restricted to being acolytes, musicians, proclaimers, maintenance tasks, Parish Councillors, Finance committee members plus a lot more. Many Circles raise money for local charities as well as supporting the Association's in-house charities: the [Benevolent Fund](#) which supports members and their families, the [Bursary Fund](#) which sponsors young people in projects contributing to wider society at home and abroad, and the [Province 20 Youth Support Project](#) which provide grants to young people to attend World Youth Day, assist in immersion trips to Aboriginal communities and scholarships to students attending University.

Aims

1. To foster brotherly love among our members and to develop social bonds among our members and their families
2. To support one another in the practice of our Faith.
3. To support and encourage Brothers, their families and widows as needs arise.
4. To support Brothers in difficulty or need including maintaining and administering benevolent funds through the Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund
5. To advance the interests and development of young Catholics and to assist them in the choice or pursuit of a career, including the promotion and support of the Catenian Association Bursary Fund
6. To help our clergy and to encourage and support vocations to the religious life in appropriate ways.
7. To support charities which the Circle, Province or Association considers are worthy and relevant.

Values

1. We will always be encouraging, supportive and helpful to fellow members and their families and be non judgemental in any dealings.
2. We will behave in a courteous manner at meetings and functions, observing dress codes and maintaining high standards of behaviour.
3. We will always strive to live our personal and business lives in accordance with the ideals of our Catholic faith, where every person matters.
4. We encourage each other to take part in public life through individual action but we do not bring our political affiliations into our meetings or social gatherings
5. We will always recognise that the Circle with its Brothers and their families is the most important entity of the Association.
6. We will ensure that the Association's governing bodies do all that is possible to enable each Circle to flourish.
7. We will abide by the Obligations of Membership.

Charism

The Catenians is an association which offers opportunities to develop friendships, share experiences and even have some fun. They do this by meeting each month in groups called Circles to pray and conduct business, then they share a meal together and often listen to a guest speaker. They also hold regular social events with their wives to strengthen the friendships that have formed and their family lives.

Further information can be found on:

www.thecatenians.org.au