

UTR1.129 - THE VERA MAY SWIFT PRIZE FOR HONOURS ENGLISH

AND

THE VERA MAY SWIFT SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Vera May Swift ('donor') died on 15 December 1944 and under the terms of her Will dated 18 October 1990 bequeathed one-third share of her residuary estate to the University of Adelaide ('bequest') to be administered in the following manner:

"...as to one third (1/3) share to the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE to be made available to the English Language Department for the establishment of a trust fund from the annual income of which there shall be provided a prize or scholarship (to be known as the Vera May Swift Prize or Scholarship) to the first year student of the English language who in the opinion of the head of the Department is of the highest academic merit and furthermore it is my wish that if in the opinion of the said head of the Department sufficient funds are available after provision of the said prize or scholarship further prizes and or scholarships be provided to be awarded to the students of the English Language at Honours Degree level judged by the said head of the Department to be of the highest academic merit and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary or Treasurer for the time being of the said University shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being responsible to see to the application thereof."

- 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 Vera May Swift Prize and Scholarship' ('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; and
 - (b) to establish a prize and scholarship in the manner described in the following Rules.

VERA MAY SWIFT PRIZE FOR HONOURS ENGLISH

Title

1. The prize shall be known as the 'Vera May Swift Prize for Honours English'.

Value

2. The value of the Prize shall be \$1,000 or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the value of the prize does not exceed the annual distribution of income available from the Endowment Fund.

Eligibility

3. To be eligible for the prize candidates must have successfully completed their Honours degree in English in the year for which the Prize is awarded.
4. Candidates are ineligible if they:-
 - have provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize;
 - have been found guilty of misconduct by the Student Misconduct Tribunal and have had relevant penalties imposed on them in accordance with the University Policy Rules and Statutes for Student Conduct.

Selection of Candidate

5. The Prize shall be awarded annually to the candidate who writes the best Honours English thesis as determined by the Head, Department of English, Creative Writing and Film (or nominee).
6. If the Prize is not awarded in any year, then the available income distribution shall be added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund.
7. If there is more than one candidate of equal merit, preference may be given to the candidate who is deemed the most outstanding candidate taking into consideration aptitude, enthusiasm and participation as determined by the School.

Administration and Variations

8. The Prize will be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office.
9. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.
10. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize if the Student Misconduct Tribunal has found the student guilty of misconduct and imposed a relevant penalty, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize in accordance with the University Policy Rules and Statutes for Student Conduct.
11. Once the Prize has been withdrawn for that year, it may be re-awarded to the next eligible student at the discretion of the School/Faculty and subject to available.

VERA MAY SWIFT SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the “Vera May Swift Scholarship”.
2. Recipients must be Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens, permanent residents of Australia or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student and must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in the program for which the scholarship was approved.
3. The annual value of the Scholarship is \$3,500 payable in one instalment direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment after the semester two census date (usually August each year).
4. One scholarship shall be awarded annually to a first-year student (intending to major in English in subsequent years of study) and who is undertaking one of the following programs (or equivalent):-
 - Bachelor of Arts;
 - Bachelor of Arts (Advanced);
 - Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Economics;
 - Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Music;
 - Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Science;
 - Bachelor of Creative Arts;
 - Bachelor of International Relations with Bachelor of Arts;
 - Bachelor of Media with Bachelor of Arts;
 - Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Arts;
 - Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences.
5. The scholarship will be offered each year in perpetuity commencing in 2024.
6. The Scholarship will provide assistance with education and living costs for one semester of the approved program for which the recipient is offered the Scholarship.
7. 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.
8. The scholarships shall be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.
9. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by Head of Department of English, Creative Writing and Film according to academic merit. Academic merit for commencing students will be determined according to GPA for semester one.
10. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.
11. 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;

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

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