INFORMATION SHEET

The *Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship* was established via a personal gift from the late Jean Pearce to support commencing students from a financially disadvantaged and rural or isolated background in South Australia including Whyalla and Mt Gambier. The scholarship aims to support young people who have completed a senior secondary qualification within the last two years and who have gained life experience outside of school.

Applications will open from June of the year before the scholarship is offered and will close in September of the same year. In order to apply applicants must have already received an offer from UniSA and deferred their study.

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for the scholarship:

- Applicants must have had a gap year between leaving high school and commencing university studies.
- Applicants must have completed their secondary schooling within two years prior to commencing their UniSA program.
- Applicants must have received a UniSA offer and deferred their place for no more than two years, and be using that time to gain experience outside of school.

Other requirements include:

- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time.
- Applicants must have lived in a rural or isolated area of South Australia (including Whyalla and Mt Gambier) for at least three of the four years immediately prior to the scholarship application. Applicants from Whyalla or Mt Gambier will only be eligible for this scholarship if the program of study is located at a UniSA campus other than their home town.
- Applicants must have had a minimum of one but no more than two years between completing secondary studies and commencement of the scholarship.
- Applicants must not have already attended a tertiary or higher education institution.
- Applicants must be prepared to provide a personal written statement outlining their proposed university program, career and personal goals and details of any previous awards or scholarships that they have received.
- Applicants must be prepared to provide statements from two referees as character references.
- Applicants must not be in receipt of any other scholarships administered by UniSA during the scholarship term.
- Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial disadvantage, a personal written statement and character references.

**Payment**

The scholarship is valued at up to $25,000 per annum, for the duration of the recipient's program (up to a maximum of 5 years). The scholarship will cover fees, accommodation, living and other expenses relating to the program of study. Disbursement of the scholarship funds will include a stipend payment made to the student for living and other expenses on a fortnightly basis during Study Periods only. Payment of the stipend will commence at the beginning of Study Period 2 in
the first year of full-time studies. The stipend will not normally be paid during the end of year break unless the recipient chooses to enrol in additional Study Periods. Payment of the stipend will re-commence in Study Period 2 in the following year.

Conditions for ongoing eligibility of the scholarship

- Recipients must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress in their studies at the University (as defined in the University's Assessment Policy and Procedures Manual) to continue to receive the scholarship.
- Recipients may transfer their program and must advise the Alumni and Development Office of their intention to do so. Any changes will be reported to the Selection Panel.
- Continuance of the scholarship is subject to the recipient’s adherence to the scholarship criteria. Decisions to terminate a recipient's scholarship will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel, but will be based on these rules.

Notes

- The scholarship may be counted as income against Youth Allowance or other forms of Government assistance payments. Applicants should seek independent financial advice.

Lodgement Details and Closing Dates

It is important to submit all relevant documentary evidence to support your application. Failure to do so will mean that the application will not be considered.

The application including all supporting documentation should be returned by COB on Friday 30th September 2011 to:

Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship
Ms Helen Black
Development Coordinator (Fundraising)
Marketing and Development Unit
University of South Australia
GPO Box 2471
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Further information is available from:
Ms Helen Black
Marketing and Development Unit
Tel: (08) 8302 0974
Email: helen.black@unisa.edu.au

Confidentiality - all information you provide in this application will be treated as confidential according to University Policy A.46 Confidentiality of Students’ Personal Information. Your personal information can only be released in special circumstances, where the law requires, or where you give permission.
Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship – 2011/12 Application  
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### Personal Details

| First Name: | |
| Family Name: | |
| Date of Birth: | Gender: Male | Female |
| Permanent Home Address: | |
| State: | Postcode: |

Have you lived in a rural or isolated area for at least three of the four years immediately prior to scholarship application (Whyalla and Mount Gambier are included as isolated areas for the purpose of this scholarship)?  
Yes  
No

Australian Citizen:  
Yes  
No

Permanent resident:  
Yes  
No

As part of the selection process you may be invited to attend an interview with the Selection Panel. Are you prepared to do so?  
Yes  
No

Mobile Telephone Number:

Email Address:

### Study Details

Do you intend to relocate from a rural area to Adelaide, Whyalla or Mt Gambier in 2012 to pursue full-time undergraduate study at UniSA?  
Yes  
No

What program do you intend to study at UniSA?

Campus

Are you a recent school leaver, defined as a person who has completed a senior secondary qualification not more than two years prior to application?  
Yes  
No

Secondary School Name and Address

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) score:  
UniSA ATAR (including bonus points):

Have you ever attended a Tertiary or Higher Education Institution?  
Yes  
No

Are you in receipt of any other Scholarship or Grant administered by UniSA?  
Yes  
No

Have you been offered a place at UniSA and deferred?  
Yes  
No

If yes, what year did you defer?
What year do you intend to commence your studies at UniSA?

UniSA Student ID Number (if known)

## Evidence of Financial Disadvantage

Please read all of the following options carefully, then select the one that most accurately reflects your current situation. Note: a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card and the Family Tax Benefit does not qualify as a means-tested benefit.

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<td>I am currently in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a means-tested Centrelink benefit(s) e.g. Abstudy, Austudy, Youth Allowance, etc (go to <a href="http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp">http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp</a> for details of means tested benefits).</td>
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<td>Proof of a copy of your Health Care Card (both sides), with your name clearly detailed on it and dated within the last two months. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card. OR Proof of Government Assistance: You must supply a Centrelink income statement. Must not be older than 2 months before the date of application - earlier statements will not be accepted. Must detail your name - web print outs will not be accepted. Must clearly state the name of the benefit(s) you receive (AUSTUDY, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Rent Assistance, etc) eg. - unclear statements or those with acronyms will not be accepted.</td>
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<td>My partner/parent/guardian is in receipt of a Health Care Card and/or a Centrelink benefit(s), AND I am listed as a dependent on their Health Care Card.</td>
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<td>Proof of a copy of your partner/parent/guardian’s Health Care Card (both sides), with your name clearly detailed on it, to show that you are their dependent. Note a Medicare Card is not a Health Care Card.</td>
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<td>I am NOT in receipt of a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit as I am not yet considered independent by Centrelink. I will complete the UniSA Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).</td>
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<td>UniSA Assessment Form: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: <a href="http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp">http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/meanstestedbenefits.asp</a></td>
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<td>I am from a household of primary producers (eg farmers) and am not eligible for a Health Care Card or a means-tested Centrelink benefit. I will complete the UniSA Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).</td>
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I am unable to qualify for Centrelink benefits or a Health Care Card; however I wish to be means-tested as I believe I may be eligible. I will complete the UniSA Scholarship Assessment Form, to support my application. (Note: the form will be used as a means-test to assess your eligibility).

UniSA Assessment Form: You must complete the form available at the following link and submit with the supporting documentation listed in the form: http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/means-testedbenefits.asp

None of the above circumstances apply to my situation.

**Personal Written Statement**

To support your application you are required to provide a personal written statement outlining your study details and demonstrating career and personal goals and how the scholarship would assist you in achieving those goals. As consideration will be given to applicants who have experienced financial and educational disadvantage, you are also encouraged to provide this information in your statement. Please complete below or attach your personal written statement to this application.
Character Reference

Please attach a written statement from two character referees who must verify that you have lived in a rural or isolated area for at least three of the past four years prior to the scholarship application.

Please note that your referee must not be related to you. Examples of a suitable referee could include a teacher, school principal, lawyer, social worker, religious or community leader, Justice of the Peace (JP). Once completed, the referees must sign below and the statements should be attached and returned with this application.

Referee 1 Declaration

I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant.

Name of referee (please print):
Signature of referee: 
Postal address: 
State: 
Mobile Telephone number: 
Occupation/Title: 
Signature of referee:
Date: 
Postal address:
State: 
Mobile Telephone number: 
Occupation/Title: 

Referee 2 Declaration

I declare that the information provided in my statement is an accurate character reference of the applicant.

Name of referee (please print):
Signature of referee: 
Postal address: 
State: 
Mobile Telephone number: 
Occupation/Title: 
Signature of referee:
Date: 
Postal address:
State: 
Mobile Telephone number: 
Occupation/Title: 

Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information I have supplied about my circumstances is true and complete, and acknowledge that should this information be found to be incorrect, any scholarship awarded to me may be withdrawn. I authorise the University of South Australia to confirm my Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank to support my application.

Signature of applicant: 
Date: 

Checklist

Please check to make sure that you have provided the following information:

- [ ] Personal details
- [ ] Proposed study details
- [ ] Evidence of financial disadvantage
- [ ] Personal written statement completed
- [ ] Character reference declarations completed and referee statements attached
- [ ] Applicant declaration – make sure you have signed this application
- [ ] Please retain a copy of this application for your records.