



Carole and Stan Droder College Award Terms and Conditions



Background

The Carole and Stan Droder College Awards were established through a bequest from the Droder family to aid first-year students with the cost of textbooks, software and other study materials and, at the same time, encourage students to experience life as residential undergraduates.

It was Carole and Stan's wish to support students from low to middle income families, as neither was able to attend university to gain higher education due to financial restrictions.

Prize Summary:

Value:	\$1,000
Type:	Equity – Financial disadvantage College
Payment Method:	Bank account (100%)
Number awarded in 2025:	8
Application Closing Date:	25 May 2025

Eligibility:

Citizenship:	Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident: Applicant must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth
Study Mode:	On Campus
Study Load:	Full-time (48 credit points per academic year)
New/Continuing:	First year students
Course Type:	Bachelor's degree (excluding separate Honours programs)
College requirement:	Applicant is living in a UNE residential college (including St Albert's)
Financial disadvantage:	Applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need (see Supporting Documentation/Required Information below)

Selection:

1. The Prize will be awarded on the basis of (in order):
 - 1.1. Financial need and circumstances; AND
 - 1.2. Responses to the application questions.
2. Preference will be given to applicants listed in the Agreement dated 16 April 2016, clause 4.1 Preferred Applicants Defined (TRIM reference C16/179).
3. The Prize will be awarded on the recommendation of the University of New England Student Scholarships Specialist and Donor Relations Coordinator.
4. The Prize will be administered by the University of New England.
5. The Selection Committee's decision is final.

Required Information:

1. Complete the application form which includes the following questions:
 - 1.1. What involvement in University and College life have you had to date? And what do you hope to achieve during the remainder of your university life?
 - 1.1. What special conditions or challenges (such as financial, geographic, or cultural) have you encountered in your path to study, and how have you navigated them?
 - 1.2. Can you describe ways in which you have demonstrated perseverance and persistence in your UNE experience (including studies) to date?

Supporting Documents:

1. Financial disadvantage: You must be able to demonstrate your low to middle income family background and financial need. Evidence of income can include:
 - 1.1. Income Tax Returns
 - 1.2. Regular payslips
 - 1.3. Centrelink Statement/s
 - 1.4. A letter from an authorised person (e.g. community leader, school principal, minister of religion, accountant) that comments on your financial circumstances

Conditions:

1. Recipients of the Prize shall receive \$1,000 paid into their bank accounts.
2. The Prize will be paid in one instalment in the month of July 2025.
3. Recipients are expected to use the prize funds for the purchase of textbooks and/or IT equipment or software to support their studies at UNE.
4. Recipients may be required to participate in activities to promote this award including public speaking, donor liaison, media interviews and photographs.
5. UNE may change these Conditions on written notice to the recipient in consultation with the Trustees.
6. Some scholarships and prizes may affect Centrelink payments. It is the recipients' responsibility to seek advice from Centrelink.