

Peter Young Scholarship Application Information, 2023

1. Preamble and Background

Peter Young O.A.M. (27.10.24 to 5.5.2008) was born to parents who were members of Petersham Baptist Church (**PBC**), and it was this Christian gathering that Peter attended and served throughout his life.

Peter was among the Deacons who decided in 1954 to purchase the property at 40 Hunter Street, and which on 20th November of that year opened as the Morton House hostel for young men. In subsequent years, Peter helped to establish the much larger building which became known as Flo Harris Lodge (**FHL**), and which has for decades served as a hostel for the accommodation and spiritual nurture of young men and women. In all, Peter Young's involvement with, and support of, Flo Harris Lodge lasted for some 50 years.

For many years Peter indicated his intention to leave some of his estate to FHL to support young people desiring to undertake theological study and/or equip themselves for ministry. When he died in 2008, he left a generous proportion of his estate for this purpose. Accordingly, the Peter Young Trust has been set up to provide scholarships to former FHL residents desiring to undertake theological study or ministry training so they might better proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ. The Trust awards Peter Young Scholarships (**Scholarships**) under the administration of the Flo Harris Lodge Committee (**the Committee**)

2. Rules Governing the Awarding of Scholarships

Peter Young's Will, and policies adopted by the Committee in line with that Will, set out several requirements for scholarships to be awarded.

Purpose of Scholarship

To be eligible for a Peter Young Scholarship, an applicant must plan to use the scholarship for either "theological education" or "ministry training".

Theological education scholarships are for applicants undertaking theological study at an evangelical theological college, which (in Sydney) may include:

- Morling College (Baptist);
- Moore Theological College (Anglican);
- Christ College (Presbyterian); and/or
- Sydney Missionary and Bible College (SMBC, Evangelical and Inter-denominational).

Ministry training scholarships are for those undertaking full-time or part-time traineeships in the Ministry of the Gospel – for example, those offered by Ministry Training Strategy (MTS), the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), and the Crusader Union of Australia.

Other Requirements

As well as the above, to be eligible for a scholarship, all applicants must also meet each of the following requirements:

- be a former resident of Flo Harris Lodge;
- specify that they are applying for either a theological scholarship or a ministry training scholarship;
- demonstrate to the Committee that the proposed study or training is directed not merely toward their own education or some general purpose of social usefulness, but toward serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the work of the Gospel; and
- affirm their personal belief in, and commitment to, the doctrinal statement (see Appendix 1).

In considering a Scholarship application, the Will requires the Selection Committee to take into account:

- The applicant's suitability for academic study (where a theological scholarship is being sought); and
- Their character, love for the Lord Jesus and others, and demonstrated commitment to the work of communicating the Gospel.

These are to be discerned from interviews, referees, and what is known of the applicant's involvement in their local church or other ministries.

Structure of Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded annually, for a duration of one year. Generally, an applicant will only be awarded a scholarship twice (ie, for a total of two years) in relation to a course of study or traineeship, with renewals of the scholarship to take into account results or evaluations received during the study/traineeship to date.

Scholarships will typically be awarded up to a *maximum* amount of \$10,000 AUD/year; not all scholarships will be awarded at this maximum amount.

Generally, the Committee awards one Scholarship each year (subject to suitability of applicants). The Committee reserves the right not to award any Scholarship in a given year.

3. Application process

Applications must be in writing, and should address:

- i. An overview of the applicant's ministry and church experience;
- ii. A copy of their Curriculum Vitae, including any relevant academic records;
- iii. An outline of the structure of the study or training they intend to undertake;
- iv. An explanation of their reason for undertaking this study or training;
- v. A description of their long-term ministry hopes (as far as these are known);
- vi. The names and contact details of three (3) independent referees (one of whom should be within the applicant's current church); and
- vii. A signed copy of the doctrinal statement (see Appendix 1 below).

Applications will be assessed by the Committee. They should be submitted, along with any supporting documentation, by email to chairman@floharrislodge.org.au **no later than Saturday 30 September 2023.**

In Christ,

Mitchell Skipsey
Chair, Flo Harris Lodge Committee
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APPENDIX 1

Doctrinal Statement

I affirm my belief in:

1. *The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture, as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.*
2. *The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.*
3. *The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the Fall, rendering each person subject to God's wrath and condemnation.*
4. *The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, and birth of the virgin Mary.*
5. *Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our Representative and Substitute) of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God.*
6. *The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*
7. *The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner by granting him or her new birth, repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ.*
8. *The indwelling and ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.*
9. *The personal return of the Lord Jesus.*

I agree with the above doctrinal statement:

Full name:

Signature:

Date: