



Practical Legal Training Student Scholarship 2020

Award description

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist law graduates and young lawyers interested in pursuing a career in family law, to:

- complete the College of Law – QLD Practical Legal Training (PLT) course to attain their Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP);
- to attain work experience placements to complete the practical component of the College of Law PLT course; and
- to receive mentorship and guidance from a practising family lawyer/s organised by the Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland, to assist to qualify for the practical component of the course.

The FLPA and College of Law Practical Legal Training Student Scholarship 2020 will be awarded to the winner in September 2020.

Scholarship value

The value of the Scholarship will be the equivalent of the fee for undertaking the College Practical Legal Training (Domestic Students) course to attain their Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP) and a cash sum of \$1,000 from FLPA to assist with expenses relating to their completion of the program and/or work experience placement.

Number offered

One Scholarship to be awarded in 2020, for enrolment in a College of Law PLT – QLD course commencing after 31 October 2020, with completion of the course by the end of 2021.

General eligibility

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must:

- be a domestic student, residing in Queensland, Australia;
- be a Queensland based law graduate who has obtained their legal qualification from an Australian institution;
- be a Student Member of the Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland;
- be able to demonstrate their opportunity to secure work experience necessary to qualify for the practical component of the course is limited and how the award of the Scholarship would assist them to obtain the work experience necessary to meet the practical component of the course; and
- not already hold any other bursary/scholarship or be a previous recipient of this Scholarship; and
- have completed the Family Law subject as part of their studies; and
- have a demonstrated a genuine interest in family law and/or and intention to practice in family law in the future.

Selection criteria and judging guide

The Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible applicant who in the opinion of selection criteria best demonstrates through their application and supporting documentation:

- commitment to academic achievement;
- contribution to or a positive impact made on family and/or the community;
- personal qualities and motivation, including:



1. the applicant's legal career aspirations and the uses to which they hope to put their legal training;
 2. a commitment to career advancement utilising education strategies;
 3. a mature appreciation of how a dynamic legal career can advance the interests of both the lawyer and the community in parallel;
- leadership qualities, as for example:
 1. demonstrated ability to deliver results;
 2. strength of purpose in the pursuit of his or her goals;
 3. creativity and innovation;
 4. self-awareness of his or her role in particular activities and the impact on other people;
 5. a strong desire to contribute to society;
 - personal circumstances or background that in the opinion of the Selection Panel, warrants special consideration.

Application dates

Applications are invited by **Friday, 11 September 2020**.

Timing of application

If a person meeting the general eligibility criteria wishes to apply for the Scholarship to undertake the Practical Legal Training course the application must be submitted by Friday, 11 September 2020, with a view to completing a for a relevant College of Law PLT course – Qld which commences after 31 October 2020 or commencing in the following year, 2021.

Application process

To apply for the Scholarship an eligible applicant must complete the Application for Enrolment Form and attach the following supporting documentation:

- a cover letter and statement by the applicant addressing each of the General Eligibility and the Selection Criteria outlined above;
- a copy of the applicant's academic transcript/record;
- a brief curriculum vitae and the names and contact details (address, email, telephone) of two referees;
- copies of any other supporting documentation addressing the General Eligibility and the Selection Criteria.

All Applications are to be submitted by email or to membership@flpa.org.au (to be marked re: Application for FLPA and College of Law Scholarship) or by post to the address below to be received by no later than 5pm on Friday, 11 September 2020:

Attention: FLPA & College of Law Practical Legal Training Student Scholarship 2020.
FLPA
Suite 154, 4/16-18 Beenleigh Redland Bay Road
Loganholme, Qld, 4129

Short-listed applicants may be required to meet with some members of the Judging Panel for an informal interview.

Judging panel

Ann Maree David, Executive Director, QLD, College of Law (or College of Law nominee)
James Steel, President – Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland (or FLPA nominee)