



Les Last Scholarship

Merredin College administers the Les Last Scholarship, which provides an annual scholarship for an outstanding Year 12 student at Merredin College in their first year of tertiary study. The goal of the scholarship is to assist the recipient with costs associated with study in one of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Architecture, Medicine, Science, Commerce, or Engineering.

The annual award shall not exceed the annual return of the investment. The value of the scholarship for 2022 will be \$1500.

- The Les Last Scholarship will be judged each year by a selection committee, comprising of the School Board Chair, Principal of Merredin College and one other person. Applicants will be notified of the outcome and the recipient will receive the scholarship funds early in Semester 2 of their first year of study.
- No information on the progress of submissions can be shared until the process is complete.
- Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance or enrolment and commencement of a course at a tertiary institution in one of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Architecture, Medicine, Science, Commerce, or Engineering.
- Applications can be lodged by any student who intends to enrol in one of the nominated disciplines outlined above.
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the application is submitted.
- 2022 applications will close end of Friday 2 September 2022.



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Application Form

Les Last was born in Merredin in 1922, to farming family from South Merredin. He initially attended school in Nukarni and completed his primary schooling at North Merredin Primary School. At the age of eighteen Les joined the army and served all around Australia during the Second World War.

After the war, Les was employed in a number of jobs that took him around the world, from England to the Persian Gulf, to America and eventually back home to Australia. After living in Perth, as a self-proclaimed “St George’s Terrace cowboy” Les finally returned to Merredin.

Les spent many years giving back to his home town in as many ways as he could. He became involved with Landcare and purchased many thousands of trees, many of which were donated to local farmers. Les was also involved in the development of the Chinese Flying School in Merredin and spent countless hours tutoring the students in English. He donated a number of academic awards to the school and mentored many students.

Les was a generous man and very passionate about his community. The Les Last Scholarship is a lasting legacy through which he continues to support future generations of the town he called home.

*To assist with the selection process, you will need to **submit a brief 200 word essay** outlining how the scholarship will benefit you and why you have chosen your area of study.*

Name of student:

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Tertiary institution - course of study:

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Name of Tertiary Institution:

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***Please include evidence of ongoing enrolment**

Contact details:

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Signature of student:

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Note:

1. If your contact details change after lodging an application, please email the Principal of Merredin College at Merredin.College@education.wa.edu.au with your updated details. Please ensure the subject line for the email includes the name of the scholarship.

2. Broad terms for disciplines such as **“medicine”** could include a wide range of courses such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, chiropractic, biomedical science, medical imaging, etc.

“Commerce” could include courses such as accounting, banking, finance, marketing, etc.

“Science” could include courses such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, biological science, human biology, health promotion, environmental science, actuarial science, etc.

“Engineering” could include courses such as electrical and electronic engineering, civil and construction engineering, chemical engineering etc.

“Architecture” could include courses such as architectural design, urban planning etc.

“Agriculture” could include courses such as, agricultural science, veterinary science, food science etc

If you are not sure whether your course meets one of the above disciplines apply anyway.