



Merredin College

LES LAST SCHOLARSHIP 2025

Merredin College offers the Les Last Scholarship to support an exceptional student from its previous Year 12 cohort who is pursuing their first year of tertiary education. This scholarship provides valuable financial assistance to help them succeed in their tertiary studies. 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 value of the scholarship for 2025 is \$1500.00.

- 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 if they are the recipient and will receive the scholarship funds 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.
- **2025 applications will close at 4:00pm on Friday, 10 October 2024.**
- **The recipient of the 2025 Les Last Scholarship will need to be available to receive the scholarship at the Year 12 Awards Night held on Wednesday, 22 October 2024.**

We wish all applicants the best of luck during the selection process and hope that the pathway you have chosen brings you satisfaction in your future endeavours.

LES LAST SCHOLARSHIP PREAMBLE

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 several 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 hometown 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 towards several 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 legacy through which he continues to support future generations of the town he called home.

2025 LES LAST SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATION

Please attach to application:

- **A brief 200-word essay** outlining how the scholarship will benefit you and why you have chosen your area of study.
- **Evidence of ongoing enrolment**

Applications close Friday, 10 October 2025.

Email to: Merredin.College@education.wa.edu.au

Please 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 Les Last 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
3. *If you are not sure whether your course meets one of the above disciplines, you are encouraged to still apply and the selection panel will assess your application.*

NAME OF APPLICANT						
ADDRESS						
	SUBURB:		STATE:		POSTCODE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:						
MOBILE NUMBER:						
UNIVERSITY:						
ENROLLED COURSE:						
SIGNATURE:						

APPLICANTS RESPONSE:

(200 Words)