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Information for applicants

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About King & Amy O'Malley

In the belief that Australian family life ought to be strengthened and supported for the sake of the nation – and having no living relatives – King and Amy O'Malley instructed in their wills that their estates be used for Home Economics scholarships.

King O'Malley was a member of the first Federal Parliament of 1901. He outlived all the other members of that Parliament, dying in 1953. He has been variously described as 'a man of the people', 'a great wit - he could see the funny side of almost anything', 'picturesque in speech (with his North American accent) and appearance' and 'an astute politician'.

During his lively and controversial political career, O'Malley demonstrated a number of significant characteristics. He was a:

- **visionary:** his vision for Australia included the establishment of a bank for the people (the Commonwealth Bank), the Transcontinental Railway, planning the city of Canberra and originating the idea of Australia House in London
- **leader:** in church activities, as organiser of a design competition for the national capital and as a Cabinet Minister
- **social reformer:** believing strongly in women's rights, fighting for the introduction of old-age pensions and expressing concern about the negative influences of alcohol on home and family life
- **strategist:** always having carefully thought-out plans for a range of possible outcomes (such as urging the adoption of a standard railway gauge), he believed that obstacles were made to be surmounted.

Amy O'Malley played a less public role but was a strong and intelligent person who supported the belief that a satisfying family life was crucial to the welfare of the nation; and that it could not be achieved without effective management of the home.

In their last wills executed in February 1952, King and Amy O'Malley directed that the capital and accumulated interest from their estates be used to establish the King & Amy O'Malley Trust Fund. The trust was to provide Home Economics scholarships to scholars from all states and the Australian Capital Territory. In 1984, the Victorian Supreme Court determined a scheme of administration for the trust fund, to be managed by a Custodian Trustee and three Managing Trustees.

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Scholarship information

Scholarships are available for:

- full-time undergraduate study
- full-time postgraduate study
- part-time postgraduate study (study which is less than full time but not less than half-time).

Programs

Criteria

Table 1 shows the current program criteria.

TABLE 1: PROGRAM CRITERIA

#	Criteria
1	Provide opportunities to gain an understanding of family well-being and its links with Home Economics.
2	Include a study and critical reflection of the changing needs of families and of the individual over their lifespans, the factors that influence these needs in times of social, cultural and economic change and how they are met with a Home Economics focus.
3	Provide opportunities to develop an understanding of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by individuals and families to participate effectively in changing times.
4	Include the study and application of the management of household and family resources in ways which will enhance family well-being and respect for the natural environment.
5	Provide for a substantial study of two aspects related to family well-being such as food, nutrition, consumer issues, family studies, textiles and housing.
6	Provide opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills and abilities to act in an educative, practical and advocacy role for families and households within a Home Economics focus.

The focus of Home Economics is empowering individuals and families to make informed and ethical choices to enhance their own and others' well-being in everyday living in households and families.

Eligible programs:

- must meet the program criteria above
- include Home Economics programs and programs in the equivalent fields of teaching, community services, nutrition, public health, family and consumer sciences and consumer science
- do not include programs that prepare people for careers in manufacturing, retailing, catering or entertainment
- do not include programs at trade schools
- must be undertaken at post-secondary or tertiary education institutions
- must lead to a specific qualification

- if a postgraduate program, be categorised as such by the relevant Australian Government authority.

ELIGIBILITY OF A PARTICULAR YEAR LEVEL

The program eligibility criteria apply to the applicant's whole program, rather than the year of study for which they seek a scholarship. Hence, the applicant must:

- outline the total program
- demonstrate that they will address all criteria at some stage during their program, not necessarily during the year for which they seek a scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY OF AN OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Scholarships are ordinarily for eligible programs at institutions in Australia. If the program is not available in Australia, the Managing Trustees may award a scholarship for study at an overseas institution.

Duration and timing

A scholarship is awarded to an applicant:

- to undertake one year only of an eligible program
- for the calendar year following the year the scholar was selected.

An applicant for a postgraduate scholarship intending to study overseas and required by the institution to follow an academic year which does not coincide with the calendar year may be granted a scholarship for the academic year.

Value

The amount of the undergraduate scholarship and full-time postgraduate scholarship is on the trust's website (at <http://www.omalleytrust.com.au>) and on the current application form.

The amount of the part-time scholarship is half that of the full-time scholarship.

The Managing Trustees can vary the value of the scholarships from time to time at their discretion, taking account of the trust's income.

The Australian Taxation Office does not consider the scholarship as taxable income under sub-section 23(z) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.¹

Payment of scholarships

The Custodian Trustee makes payments to scholars in accordance with the directions of the Managing Trustees. Payments are made in:

- March, following receipt of the signed agreement and confirmation of enrolment in the program

¹ For the office's advice, see the letter at the end of this manual.

- August, following receipt of an official transcript of mid-year results indicating satisfactory progress
- October
- December/January, following receipt of a final report and an official transcript of end-of-year results indicating satisfactory progress: these final documents are due by 31 December.

If the final report and end-of-year results are not received by March 31, the fourth and final quarterly payment will not be made.

Applicants

General

An applicant for an undergraduate scholarship must intend to undertake an eligible undergraduate program full-time.

The applicant for a postgraduate scholarship must intend to undertake an eligible postgraduate program full-time or part-time. They must have:

- an undergraduate qualification which meets all the program criteria AND their proposed postgraduate program must meet one or more of the program criteria
OR
- an undergraduate qualification which meets one or more of the program criteria and their proposed postgraduate program must meet all the program criteria.

A scholar may apply for a further scholarship, but no applicant will be awarded more than three full-time scholarships or the equivalent number of half-time scholarships.

A scholar will normally be interviewed again if they apply for another scholarship.

Criteria

The applicant must meet the criteria in Table 2.

TABLE 2: APPLICANT CRITERIA

	Scholarship criteria
Professional goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear career intentions to work in an educative and advocacy role for families and households • The potential to work in a leadership role and make a professional contribution to fields related to Home Economics • Broad and deep knowledge about Home Economics and its role in society • A current involvement in Home Economics or related professional associations
Academic potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High grades, normally having passed all subjects at the first attempt • A capacity for critical and analytical thinking • The potential to succeed academically at a high level
Personal attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The persistence and motivation to achieve • Integrity, maturity and leadership qualities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ethic of service • A commitment to inclusivity and social justice • Sensitivity in dealing with a range of people and issues • The ability to work collaboratively • Well-developed communication skills
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Residency

An applicant must apply for a scholarship in the state or territory in which they live, unless their home address is in the Northern Territory. However, their study program can be in another state or territory.

An applicant whose home address is in the Northern Territory should apply for a scholarship in the state (or ACT) in which they are studying.

A citizen of another country living in Australia must provide an authenticated photocopy of the identification page and the visa page from their passport showing their permanent residency status.

Where an applicant is an Australian citizen whose scholarship is for overseas study, the applicant must agree to return to Australia within six months of completing their program.

Variation, deferral, discontinuation of study

A scholarship is granted to undertake a particular program, of a particular length, at a particular institution, and from a particular date. A scholar must notify the Managing Trustees in writing immediately if they:

- seek to vary, or become aware there will be a variation to, the content, duration or location of their study program
- seek to discontinue study in the program for which the scholarship was granted.

The Managing Trustees may decide not to continue the scholarship if the program is varied, deferred or discontinued.

Deferral of scholarship

A scholar can only defer their scholarship:

- in exceptional circumstances
- for a maximum of one year

at the discretion, and with the approval, of the Managing Trustees.

Applications to defer scholarships must be made in writing, with reasons, to the Managing Trustees.

Terminations and refunds

The Managing Trustees may require the scholar to refund part, or the full value, of the scholarship if the scholar:

- intentionally provides or provided false or misleading information
- fails to comply with the agreement.

The Managing Trustees have the discretion to either enforce all or part of the agreement, or to allow the scholar to defer their scholarship.

The Managing Trustees must give the scholar notice of their decision forthwith. The scholar has the right to apply within one month of the notice for a review of the decision.

A scholarship may be terminated if two Managing Trustees unanimously decide:

- that the scholar has made insufficient scholastic progress
- for any other sufficient reason that continuance of the scholarship is not justified.

The two Managing Trustees must not include the Chair of the Managing Trustees: the Chair is required to sit on a review panel should the scholar decide to appeal the decision, and must not be involved in making the decision.

In cases of termination or refund of scholarships, the scholar must be given all relevant evidence that the Managing Trustees have used in making their decision, except where the information is of a confidential nature, and be given the opportunity to be heard on the question of guilt.

In line with the scholarship agreement, the scholar has no right to claim for any loss suffered as a result of the termination or refund of a scholarship.

Reviews and appeals

The scholar has the right to apply, within one month of receiving notice, for a review of the Managing Trustees' decision to terminate their scholarship or require a refund.

The review shall be conducted by a panel comprising:

- the Chair of the Managing Trustees (or nominee)
- the Public Trustee or Senior Deputy Public Trustee
- the solicitor to State Trustees Ltd.

As stated above, the Chair of the Managing Trustees must not be involved in making the decision which is to be reviewed.

The review panel must observe principles of natural justice.

How to apply for a scholarship

1. Read the above information carefully to ensure that you meet the applicant criteria and that your program meets the program criteria.
2. The *Scholarship application form* is on the trust's website, at <http://www.omalleytrust.com.au/>. Complete the form, attach all the documents required and ensure your application is received at the Mt. Waverley post office by 5 p.m. on the last Friday of June.
3. Ensure that statements from your three referees are also received at the Mt Waverley post office by that time and date. The referee statement and referees information is on the website.
4. You will be notified by mail if you are selected for interview. Interviews are conducted from 1 August to 15 October. All applicants will be contacted on completion of the selection process.