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The Dr Vera Summers Bursary 2025 Application Information

This PLC Old Collegians' Association bursary is awarded to a daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of an Old Collegian, currently in Year 10 for Year 11. The selected student should demonstrate exemplary character, attitude, conduct and academic achievement.

The recipient will receive \$5,000 towards tuition fees in 2025.

Dr Vera Summers

Principal, Presbyterian Ladies' College

1934 – 1961

A Perth College graduate from 1917, Dr Summers studied at the University of Western Australia earning a Bachelor of Arts (Hons). She was a member of staff for 42 years (January 1920 – December 1961). Awarded the Hackett Scholarship in 1928, Dr Summers furthered her studies in Europe where she completed a Doctorate in French from the University of Paris. She returned to PLC as deputy to the principal (Miss Phemister) in 1931, and became Principal in January 1934 upon Miss Phemister's resignation.



Dr Summers was widely respected in academic circles for her achievements and by PLC Council members. Dorothy Rowlands (Solomon 1923) described Dr Summers as "calm and unflappable and an excellent teacher, well-liked by staff and students".

Criteria

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for the Dr Vera Summers Bursary by submitting an essay that reflects on the PLC motto, 'Labore et Honore' - Work and Honour, and demonstrates personal and school achievements in this regard.



In your essay, consider sharing specific examples of how you have embodied the values of “Work and Honour” in various aspects of your life. You might include instances where you:

- Took initiative in academic projects or extracurricular activities, showcasing your dedication and hard work.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, either in a formal role such as a team captain or in informal settings where you guided and supported peers.
- Volunteered within the community or at school events, reflecting your commitment to honour and service.
- Overcame personal challenges through perseverance and integrity, illustrating your resilience and adherence to the PLC motto.

We encourage you to provide detailed anecdotes and reflections that highlight your journey and achievements. This is your opportunity to showcase how you have made a positive impact through your dedication to “Work and Honour.”

The bursary is open to students who are not already recipients of a scholarship or bursary from the school, the Parents’ Committee or have been awarded a previous OCA bursary (unless it is a music bursary).

Format

- Applications should be no more than two A4 pages.
- Applications should have a cover page with the name of the Bursary and student details on it.

General Requirements

- Applications should attach a copy of their mid-year report (no originals).
- Applications should also attach a dot-point list of co-curricular activities they have participated in (sports, music, service etc), awards they have earned and positions they have held.
- Please submit 3 x printed copies of your application to Lyn Taylor at the Senior School Reception no later than 4.00 pm on **Friday 2 August 2024**.

Process

- After applicants submit their written applications, a shortlist will be selected by a panel of PLC Old Collegians.
- Each shortlisted applicant will be invited to a brief (10 minute) interview with the panel.
- The panel will award the bursary following the completion of interviews.

Bursary Key Dates



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Applications Open: Friday 28 June 2024

Applications Close: Friday 2 August 2024

Dr Vera Summers Bursary Interviews: 3.45 – 4.30 pm, Wednesday 14 August 2024

Bursary awarded: Tuesday 20 August 2024

Further information is available on the PLC website:

<https://www.plc.wa.edu.au/connected-community/old-collegians/bursaries/>