



The Dr Vera Summers Bursary 2024 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 an exemplary character, attitude, conduct and academic achievement.

The recipient will receive \$5,000 towards tuition fees in 2024.



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 which reflects on the PLC motto, "Work and Honour", and demonstrates personal and school achievements in this regard. The bursary is open to a daughter or granddaughter or great-granddaughter of a PLC Old Collegian who has not, as long as they are not already recipients of a scholarship or bursary from the school, or the OCA (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.

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 are to be submitted to **Lyn Taylor at the Senior School Reception** no later than **4.00 pm on Friday 27 October 2023**.

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:

Applications Open: Friday 22 September
Applications Close: Friday 27 October, 4.00 pm
Interviews: Early November
Bursary awarded: Mid November

Further information is available on the PLC website:

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