

Kew Student Residence

KSR Scholarship Fund – Information for Donors

Background to the Kew Student Residence

The Kew Student Residence (KSR) has been providing accommodation for students coming to Melbourne for the purpose of tertiary study since 1962. As a ministry of the Kew Baptist Church, it seeks to provide a welcoming Christian home environment for students from any or no faith background. KSR provides a caring and supportive community. KSR strives to help residents feel a sense of belonging which will provide the security to enable them to explore their sense of self in a fast-changing world. It is expected that this community of belonging and exploration facilitates personal and community growth. KSR believes that educational opportunity should not be limited only to those with the financial means. Indeed, further education is perhaps most important for those with limited access to it.

Purpose of the KSR Scholarship Fund

The KSR Scholarship Fund has been setup to help provide student accommodation at an affordable cost for families in need of financial assistance. Therefore, it is intended that the fund will be used to provide fee assistance to residents who might otherwise be unable to undertake tertiary study in Melbourne, or those for whom tertiary study in Melbourne would create significant financial difficulty for the student and/or their family.

Eligibility for receiving a KSR scholarship

As a minimum, in order to be eligible to receive assistance from the KSR Scholarship Fund, an applicant must:

- be enrolled in an accredited course of study at an Australian university or higher education provider
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- be able to show financial hardship

Scholarships will be awarded to those deemed to have the greatest financial need. Should the circumstance arise that there appears to be applicants who have equal needs, preference will be given to those who can demonstrate potential for community leadership or who are suffering other forms of disadvantage or hardship.

Details of the fund

The KSR Accommodation Scholarship Fund has been established through the Australian Communities Foundation (ACF) who acts as the trustee.

Donations made to the fund are **tax deductible**.

Donations are treated in the same way as other charitable donations insofar as the donor is not able to request the donation to be transferred or withdrawn.

The donation is not made to the Kew Student Residence, but to the ACF. However, all donations will be used by KSR to offer scholarships according to the guidelines outlined above.

The value and allocation of scholarships will be determined by a KSR Scholarship Fund subcommittee based on the availability of money made possible by the Fund's return on investment.

How to donate

Donations can be made to the KSR Scholarship Fund through the ACF website here:

<http://donate.communityfoundation.org.au/>

Donations may be in the form of a once-off payment, a regular contribution or a bequest.

We thank you for making a donation to contribute to the further education of Australians suffering financial hardship. By partnering with KSR in this way, you are making an investment in a better future for those who need it most.

