



**SpineCare Foundation  
(A Division of Northcott)**

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST  
STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL  
DISABILITY AND WHO USE A  
WHEELCHAIR FOR MOBILITY  
TO OBTAIN TERTIARY  
EDUCATION  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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**The Gregory and Dolores Farrell Scholarships** were first offered in 2005. They are supported by the family of the late Gregory and Dolores Farrell. Gregory Patrick Farrell OAM was a founding Director of the Foundation. The scholarships are available to students who use a wheelchair for mobility, who are undertaking an undergraduate or higher degree and for those who will be pursuing post-graduate study overseas.

The aim of the scholarship is to support integration into tertiary education. It is acknowledged that the student with a disability may have additional obstacles to overcome in accessing a tertiary education. One of these obstacles can be the additional costs involved to enable participation in tertiary education. The costs involved can be considerable and variable according to the degree of disability.

In 2010, four scholarships of up to \$5,000 each will be offered to students in New South Wales who use a wheelchair for mobility and are attending university.

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***THE GREGORY AND DELORES FARRELL  
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TO ASSIST STUDENTS WHO USE A  
WHEELCHAIR FOR MOBILITY TO MEET THE EXTRA FINANCIAL  
COSTS INCURRED WHILST UNDERTAKING TERTIARY STUDY***

***INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS***

Travelling to and from university can be a major difficulty. Taxis can be one of the means of transport. The government meets taxi fares by providing those with a disability entitlement to a half fare taxi subsidy scheme, e.g. for a taxi fare \$60 the user pays \$30, the government pays \$30, and any amount over the \$60 is also paid by the user. However, it is still costly for those living some distance from the university campus. Government funding for disabled students wishing to pursue tertiary education is limited. Consequently, financial expenses remain a major burden.

It can be difficult for students with disabilities to access library and other university resources. It may be necessary to purchase more textbooks to enable the student to study at home in comfort and at ease. Many thick and tightly bound texts require the use of both hands to keep them open whilst reading. A page-turning device and/or photocopying these texts enables some students to read more comfortably and efficiently. Students with verbal communication difficulties may also require the assistance of communication software.

Other expenses may be the acquisition of computer modifications, e.g. turbo-ball, or other pointing devices and the upgrade of one's wheelchair. Further, in many cases, students require an electric wheelchair to cover large campus grounds.

Four scholarships are offered for tertiary students in NSW in 2010. Students must be Australian citizens, must use a wheelchair for mobility and have been accepted into a university course. Year 12 students (2009) may apply, if applications have been lodged for entrance to a University in 2010. Students who are proceeding to a higher degree are also eligible, as are students who have been accepted for post-graduate study in Australia or overseas.

Scholarship funds cannot be used to pay HECS.

Students who plan to undertake a TAFE course are not eligible.

Application forms are available on request by phone, mail or e-mail. Applications must be lodged by the close of business on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

A Selection Committee will choose successful applicants. If placed on a shortlist, it may be necessary for those applicants to attend an interview in Sydney. Successful applicants will be advised in the first week of March 2010.

As a condition of the scholarship, it will be necessary for successful students to submit mid-year and end of year results, as well as a report on how the funds have been spent. Funding has been made available for one year only, but successful applicants may apply for future years.

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TO ASSIST STUDENTS WHO USE  
A WHEELCHAIR FOR MOBILITY**

**ADMINISTERED BY THE SPINECARE FOUNDATION  
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The Gregory and Marie Dolores Farrell Foundation was established for Charitable Purposes  
Trading as Farrell Foundation  
ABN 60 456 144 936

**APPLICATION FORM**

Four scholarships for students who use a wheelchair for mobility and who are undertaking tertiary education in New South Wales have been made available for the year 2010. The scholarships, up to the value of \$5,000.00 each, are available for eligible students in Year 12 (if applications have been lodged for entrance to a University in 2010) or students already undertaking an undergraduate course. Students who are proceeding to a higher degree are also eligible, as are students who have been accepted for post-graduate study in Australia and overseas.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....  
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PHONE No: ..... MOBILE No. ....

FAX No: .....E-MAIL: .....

DISABILITY: .....

**YOUR STUDY AND CAREER PLANS**

a) Are you currently at a university YES [ ] NO [ ]  
If Yes, give the name and address of the university:  
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and the course and year of the course in which you are enrolled.  
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UAS/TER SCORE (if known): .....

Degrees already held: .....

b) Have you already applied for a place at a university for 2010 YES [ ] NO [ ]  
If Yes, give the name and address of the university:

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c) If you answered NO to the above questions (a) and (b) write below what plans you have for enrolling at a university.

Name of University:

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What course(s) you are considering enrolling in:

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How long is the course? .....Years

When does the course commence? .....

d) Describe the career path you have planned, or are interested in, when you have completed your university education.

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### YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Describe your school/university performance during the past 12 months. (If you were not at school/university during the last year, describe the last 12 months you were studying). Name the subjects you did best in. How satisfied were you with your results? Describe any problems you encountered with you studies, and any areas of strong performance.

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YOUR MOTIVATION

a) Describe how important it is to you that you receive this opportunity to pursue tertiary study.

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b) Why do you think you should be considered for a Gregory and Dolores Farrell Scholarship?

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If you were awarded the Scholarship, how would you make use of the funds? Funds may be used for the following purposes:

- University fees (Not HECS)
- Text books
- Library and internet charges
- On campus accommodation
- Residential school expenses (travel / accommodation)
- Field trip expenses
- Transport to and from University
- Stationery
- Other equipment required to assist with study
- Scribes and tutors
- Personal care

Funds may not be used for:

- HECS fees
- Purchase of mobile phones or payment of phone bills
- Any other expenses not directly related to study

FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

Do you receive support from any other sources in the way of accommodation, transport, or funding?

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Are you in receipt or have applied for, financial assistance from other organisations for tertiary education? (Please provide details.)

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NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF TWO REFEREES:  
(Can be health, education or employment related).

- 1. Name: .....  
Phone No: ..... Mobile No: .....
  
- 2. Name: .....  
Phone No: ..... Mobile No: .....

Other information you may like to put before the Selection Committee (use a separate page, if necessary):

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## CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Scholarships are only for students who use a wheelchair for mobility, who are Australian citizens and who have been accepted into a university course in NSW or are currently enrolled in one. Students who are proceeding to a higher degree are also eligible, as are students who have been accepted for post-graduate study in Australia and overseas.
2. Applications must be lodged by the close of business on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**, to the address below. Applications may be posted, faxed or e-mailed.
3. The successful applicants will be chosen by a Selection Committee. If placed on a short list, it may be necessary for applicants to attend an interview in Sydney in the last week of February 2010.
4. Successful applicants will be advised in the first week of March 2010.
5. As a condition of the scholarship, it will be necessary for the successful students to submit midyear and end of year results, as well as a report on how the scholarship funds have been spent.
6. Funding has been made available for one year only, subject to review for further assistance, but successful applicants may reapply for future years.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

### MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO:

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