

# Resident Leader Scholarship Overview

Resident Leader (RL) scholarships have been established to enhance the peer-to-peer leadership necessary within a communal living environment. The RL program is a core component of the residential community at Charles Sturt University and links in closely with Residence Life.

Being an RL is rewarding in terms of the many experiences encountered and the opportunities presented to contribute to the residential community. It provides an opportunity to collaborate with a team of likeminded fellow Students and bring leadership to all aspects of life on campus. Through this process RLs will acquire valuable leadership attributes and experiences which help prepare them for full-time employment upon graduation.

The Resident Leader scholarship role is essentially a community support, engagement and development role which demonstrates a strong commitment to actively participating in enriching and promoting community life within their residence and wider community. As an acknowledgement of the contribution to the residential community made RL's will be offered

## **To be eligible applicants must:**

- Have an application to live full-time on-campus with Residence Life in 2022
- Have, or be willing to obtain, a Mental Health First Aid Certificate
- Have, or be willing to obtain, a Working With Children's Check (NSW, Volunteer)
- Have, or be willing to obtain, a Senior First Aid Certificate

## **Expectations**

Resident Leaders hold a defined and official position of leadership within their residence, and as such their behaviour and interpersonal relationships must be exemplary – especially in the commission of activities which reflect the expectations of an RL. RL's are expected to uphold and model exemplary behaviour and conduct at all times and be an example to others as well as an ambassador for their residence and Charles Sturt University. The expectations include:

- Model exemplary behaviour and conduct by adhering to the Residential Agreement, House Rules and Student Misconduct Rule
- Act as the conduit of information between the student community and Residence Life
- Complete incident reports, room audits and other general administrative duties

- Act as a refer and triage point of contact for students within your residence
- Hold regular meetings with students to share information and bring to light any concerns or issues within the living environment
- Attend regular meetings with the Residence Life Coordinator on your campus
- Attend compulsory training sessions – both prior to session commencing and during session as required
- Promote and support community building by organising and participating in social, recreational and educational activities
- Distribute and provide information to on-campus students as required

**In order to retain this scholarship for the duration of the period, Resident Leaders must:**

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Remain living in Charles Sturt on-campus student accommodation at a single campus location for the Academic Year
- Demonstrate ongoing commitment to leadership within residences
- Actively promote and refer students to support networks within Charles Sturt
- Not breach the Residential Agreement, House Rules or the Student Misconduct Rule
- Meet the expectations of the Resident Leader scholarship as detailed above

To apply for consideration for a Resident Leader Scholarship, applicants should upload their resume and responses to the below questions (use a 250 word limit for each):

1. Please outline an example of a time when you have worked as a member of a team to achieve a common objective?
2. Tell us about the key qualities you believe would make a successful Resident Leader? Give examples of how you would display these qualities?
3. Give us an example of a time when you were required to deal with an upset customer/student? What did you do and what was the outcome?
4. If you were successful in gaining a Resident Leader scholarship, what would be three key outcomes you would like to achieve for your area in 2022?

If you have any questions regarding the Resident Leader scholarships or the application process please reach out to your local Residence Life Coordinator.