

## Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship

UniLodge Darwin is excited to offer a limited number of scholarships, in the form of discounted weekly accommodation. UniLodge is committed to assisting young adults with their pursuit of tertiary study and these scholarships have been established to support students whose financial vulnerability may impact on their ability to participate in their study Charles Darwin University.

These scholarships will be awarded to students who, without the financial assistance provided by this scholarship, would be at risk of not starting, continuing or completing their study in Semester 2, 2025.

Note: this scholarship will apply to low floor standard studio accommodation only.

### Eligibility Requirements

The scholarships are open to **new** residents who:

1. hold Australian permanent residency/citizenship;
2. have experienced significant financial hardship and who, without financial assistance may be precluded from continuing at university; and
3. are not already in receipt of another substantial competitive scholarship from a university or other external party

Applicants must be enrolled full time in an approved university program for Semester 2, 2025.

### Application Process

The completed application form is to be submitted to the General Manager, UniLodge Darwin up until **20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 5pm**. Applicants **must** complete the application form and provide copies of all requested supporting documentation.

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria as set out by UniLodge.

### Selection Process

An applicant will not be selected for a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship unless the selection committee is satisfied that they meet the eligibility criteria for a scholarship as set out in these guidelines.

Assessment of an applicant's financial circumstances will be based on the information provided in the scholarship application form and the supporting documentation that has been provided. The selection committee will make its own judgement about what constitutes the most meritorious cases. The selection committee will make its own judgement about what constitutes an approved university program for Semester 2, 2025. Throughout the selection process, extra documentation may be requested by UniLodge from the applicant to assist in the decision making.

## **Offer Process**

The UniLodge Financial Support Accommodation Scholarships will be selected by a panel comprising:

1. The General Manager, UniLodge Darwin (as Chair); and
2. The Regional General Manager, UniLodge Northern Region;

Applicants will be officially notified by email of the outcome of their application.

The award of a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient being enrolled in a full-time study load at their respective university for Semester 2, 2025. Verified documentation of this enrolment can be requested by UniLodge from the applicant.

Applicants, at the time of accepting an offer of a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship, must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide any information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for a scholarship.

## **Value and Duration of Scholarships**

The value of a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship in Semester 2, 2025 will be payable as an accommodation rent reduction of \$64 per week on the following room types and leases:

- Semester 2 lease for a studio standard apartment (total rent per week after scholarship = \$256)

The scholarship may be accessed from the start of residence at UniLodge Darwin which is to be no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. The scholarship will finish on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 conditional on the recipient's continued residency at UniLodge Darwin and their abidance by UniLodge Darwin House Rules and expectations.

## **Residential Tenancy Agreement**

It is advisable that the successful applicant inspects the property and room prior to signing this lease. Even if an application is successful, the applicant will not be entitled to, or move into UniLodge Darwin unless, and until, a valid Residential Tenancy Agreement is entered into.

Successful applicants must enter into a Residential Tenancy Agreement for a standard studio apartment with UniLodge Darwin from July 2025 to a maximum of 19 weeks. An earlier start date or later end date can be negotiated with the successful applicant; however, the scholarship period of 19 weeks is non-negotiable.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a security deposit that will be held in trust. The security deposit that will be required on signing the lease is 4 weeks rent and will be paid by the recipient as per UniLodge Darwin policies and procedures.

Successful applicants will abide by all RTA and residential tenancy agreement requirements as per their lease agreement and the house rules of UniLodge Darwin. Applicants are encouraged to ensure they are aware of [RTA legislation](#) prior to signing their lease.

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that once an agreement has been signed, the room allocation listed on the agreement will remain the same throughout the tenancy.

Upon completion of the lease term, all rent being paid in full, and providing the apartment is returned to UniLodge in the same condition as when the resident took occupation, a security deposit refund is to be completed between UniLodge Darwin and the tenant.

### **Academic Requirements**

Recipients of a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship are required to remain enrolled in a standard full-time study load for the semester.

Recipients whose enrolment status changes from being full time, during the length of the scholarship must notify the UniLodge Darwin immediately in writing. Verified documentation can be reasonably requested to support this information. This includes any action taken from the university in relation to the recipient's enrolment such as cancellation or termination due to, but not limited to show cause, misconduct or other disciplinary actions.

### **Termination of a UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship**

A UniLodge Darwin Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship will be terminated:

1. If the recipient has committed serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in their application form; or
2. once the full value of the scholarship has been paid, or
3. if the recipient fails to meet the academic requirements set out in these guidelines; or
4. at the discretion of the General Manager, UniLodge Darwin where the recipient fails to comply with the terms of the UniLodge Darwin's tenancy agreement or UniLodge Darwin's house rules.

If a scholarship is terminated, the security deposit return will be at the discretion of UniLodge Darwin.

### **Other**

Applicants are responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and lodgement of their application. Successful applicants are responsible for any moving costs that may be incurred. An unsuccessful application does not in any way imply a personal judgement has been made about the applicant. Any extra costs incurred during the course, or at the conclusion, of the lease will be the responsibility of the recipient. These may include, but are not limited to, costs for damage caused by the resident, replacement of damaged or missing equipment, after- hours call-out costs, replacement key costs, and cleaning costs at the end of the tenancy. Successful domestic students must be at least 17 years of age at the time of the lease agreement being signed unless otherwise approved by the management of UniLodge Darwin.

## **Domestic Financial Support Accommodation Scholarship**

### **Application Form**

***How to complete this application form:***

1. Complete all sections of this application
2. Sign and date the declaration
3. Attach all requested documentary evidence and return the application form with all requested documentary evidence to:

Email: [darwin@unilodge.com.au](mailto:darwin@unilodge.com.au)

Subject line: UniLodge Darwin Domestic Financial Scholarship Application

**Applications Due: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025, 5pm.**

No applications received after this date and time will be eligible for consideration.

## **Personal Details**

**First Name**

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**Last Name (Surname)**

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**Date of Birth**

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**Institution of Study**

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**Student Number**

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**Year of Study**

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**Course/Degree**

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*Note: UniLodge Darwin may request documentation to support these details.*

**Mobile Number**

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**Email Address**

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**Citizenship Details**

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**Current Address**

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**Have you ever received warning notices or been evicted from any previous accommodation? If yes, please supply details.**

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### **Current benefits/financial assistance/work income you receive:**

- Please provide documentation for each income stated below; this may be in the form of a payslip, bank statement, and other statement
- Supporting documentation for any part of the application must be dated within four weeks of the date of application to show the most recent information

<b>Assistance type</b> (Centrelink, family support, other benefits, part time work)	<b>Amount</b> (in Australian \$)	<b>Frequency</b> (weekly, fortnightly, monthly)

## **Personal statement**

Please *attach a typed personal statement* of no more than 800 words, that:

- describes your financial vulnerability, and why you fit the eligibility criteria for this scholarship;
- describes how the scholarship will benefit you and better your current accommodation and study situation; and
- documentation of any pre-existing medical conditions (mental or physical)

## **Declaration**

I declare that the information supplied on this form and in accompanying documents and statements is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any information provided is found to be false or misleading, I accept that any scholarship awarded to me on the basis of this application will be cancelled and that I may be required to repay any scholarship funds received to date.

I declare that I am not in receipt of any other scholarship from a university or external company.

**Applicant signature:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

***Please note: applications without required supporting documentation will not be considered.***

## **Applicant Privacy**

The information on the application is collected for the primary purpose of assessing an application for this scholarship. Information on this form may also be used for the assessment and verification of the application, compliance with conditions of tenancy and the continuing management of the tenancy. Otherwise, the information the applicant provides will not be disclosed to a third party without the applicant's consent unless disclosure is authorised or required by law.

