

The Learning Connexion

Janet Law Scholarship

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About the Janet Law Scholarship

The aim of the Janet Law Scholarship, which is administered by the Janet Law Charitable Trust, is to provide funding for an art student at The Learning Connexion. Janet Law, a former student at The Learning Connexion, was in her first year of the Advanced Diploma programme when she passed away in November 2010. Creativity made a huge difference in Janet's life. Janet's friends and family wanted to honour her by supporting a scholarship which would offer another student the opportunity to engage with The Learning Connexion. Janet started her tertiary education as a dental student, then changed to and graduated as an accountant. However, in earlier years she had a connection and passion for artistic expression. It was only later in life that she managed to make the time to attend classes at The Learning Connexion and, from that, a suppressed part of her personality was able to emerge and grow.

The focus of Janet's artwork dealt with themes of cultural identity:

"My journey requires me to explore the world of Chinese history and culture; uncovering stories and poems behind symbols and ideologies that is the vast Chinese belief and tradition.

While it is a part of my makeup and ethnic identity I am unable to truly understand or regain something that I never had. For me it is a self discovery in learning about my own family and part of that is to know the 'Chinese' in them. But each generation changes and will grow from where they are. Any information I acquire is not another piece in the puzzle, nor a light at the end of the tunnel, but a profound emotional feeling for me.

It is a feeling of less self-conflict and more acceptance, of being less of a shadow and more human, a feeling of more strength, more understanding and being freed...and that is my story."

What does the scholarship cover?

The Janet Law Scholarship, which is administered by the Janet Law Charitable Trust, is awarded to cover partial tuition fees for one student annually.

Applicants will ideally be

- A Diploma (level 6) student wishing to progress to the Advanced Diploma (level 7) who has demonstrated, or can demonstrate in an application, a clear idea of how their work deals with and/or how it might be viewed either in a cultural, social or political context; *and/or*
- Someone whose art may exhibit a cultural theme which may include cross-cultural heritage; *and/or*
- Someone who, through circumstances, may not have had the opportunity to study and develop their art until later in life

Entry requirements

- Successful applicants must be eligible for enrolment - see admission requirements for more details
- Applicants must be 16 years or older at the time of enrolment
- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being granted
- Scholarships are open to permanent residents of New Zealand who meet Ministry of Education funding criteria

How to apply

Fill out and submit the following in our online application form.

- Read the rules and conditions outlined in this document
- Applicants are to submit three recent works, in any media, that deal with '**Cultural, social or political issues**'
- Answer the following questions in relation to each image submitted;
 - » How does this work relate to your application statement?
 - » What concepts were explored in the making of this work, i.e. What influenced it?
 - » What processes were used to create the work?
 - » If you were to revisit this work what changes would you make and why?

- Submit a statement of 200 words or less outlining how your work relates to the given theme
- Our scholarship forms have been expanded to allow applicants to provide additional evidence in the form of three supporting images per submission, which may include (*but are not limited to*); developmental drawings or sketches, trial/sample works that have relevance to the finished piece or images showing stages of progression through the work. While these images are not required they do add merit to the submission and will be considered as part of your application

Please note: As the application is through an online form we recommend applicants prepare the information above in a text document prior to submission in case of any complications. Images of your work must be available digitally, sized to 1MB or less.

Rules and conditions

The Janet Law Scholarship can be used for the following programmes:

Diploma of Art and Creativity, Advanced (level 7)

- Submissions must be your own original work
- By applying for the scholarship each applicant warrants that their entry does not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party
- It is permissible to submit material that has been used in other contexts (such as for an exam or exhibition)
- The Learning Connexion Ltd (hereinafter TLC) may make use of the work in submissions for promotional purposes without compensation to the artist and without any requirement to seek approval for such use
- Students who are eligible for the government's 'Fees Free' initiative will have the 'Fees Free' amount that they are eligible to receive deducted from their total fees owed. Where this still leaves an outstanding amount of fees owing, the student may then use any scholarship granted to cover the remaining fees. Any remaining scholarship will be forfeited
- Scholarships must be taken up during the year following their successful granting
- Scholarships are open to permanent residents of New Zealand who meet Ministry of Education funding criteria
- To be eligible, submissions must be received by the due date. Late submissions will not be accepted
- Submissions will be assessed on merit and awards will be made at the discretion of the managing director whose decision will be final
- Scholarships are not redeemable for cash
- Should you be granted a scholarship, it does not guarantee any further scholarships or awards for continued study at The Learning Connexion
- Scholarships may be taken up either by enrolling for distance delivery or by studying on-site at our Taita Campus
- Successful applicants will be advised by email by the end of the year in which they apply

If you require any assistance with the application please contact our Admissions team - 0800 278 769 or email admissions@tlc.ac.nz