

Sir Charles Bright Scholarship Trust

171 North East Rd, Manningham, S.A. 5986

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President Jacqui Atyeo, Rotary Club of Gawler, PO Box 584, GAWLER, S.A. 5118.

Dear President Jacqui,

I write to you requesting your Club's support for the Sir Charles Bright Scholarship Trust, which awards yearly scholarships to handicapped tertiary students studying in South Australia. The Trust was founded 33 years ago by the late blind Adelaide lawyer, Malcolm Penn OAM in memory of a South Australian Supreme Court Judge, Sir Charles Bright, a well-recognised benefactor of the handicapped. Chairman of Trustees is Adelaide Rotarian Past President John Seaton.

The Trustees have been deeply saddened by the passing earlier this month of Mrs. Rosemary Penn OAM, a joint founder of the Trust with her husband Malcolm. The Trust will continue to operate for the benefit of students as it has for 34 years.

The Trust has awarded almost 400 separate scholarships since 1985 aggregating around \$400,000, to students of science, engineering, arts, horticulture, psychology, education and many other disciplines. We frequently receive feedback on students' yearly academic progress, which is most gratifying to those supporting organisations, for example, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, Royal Society for the Blind, The Brain Foundation, Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association, Arts SA and the Department of Further education, Guide Dogs SA, MS Society and others, and private donors, with all amounts being tax deductible. Each donor organisation sponsors one or more tertiary students for \$2000 per student, and some are in a position to nominate a student, and the donor is identified with that particular scholarship.

Interviews follow nominations during February, and scholarships are actually awarded early March to precede the beginning of term.

Thus, we are seeking, please, a donation of \$2000, and if your Club does know of a deserving tertiary student, that scholarship will be so named and you will be invited to attend the award ceremony, by, usually a member of State Parliament.

May I ask that your Club consider supporting the Sir Charles Bright Scholarship project, as being one with no administrative expense and which has provided that added security to students who find it difficult to continue, or even begin, their studies, enabling them to contribute to their own and society's wellbeing.

The Trustees and I look forward with thanks, to your response to this message.

If you need more information, please contact John Seaton on 0419 804 840.

Most sincerely,

David Penn Administrator