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The Cassandra June Carter Bursary

We believe that the pursuit of knowledge equips and enables our students to make a powerful difference in the world. Scientia est Potestas – Knowledge is Power.

ABOUT CASSANDRA JUNE CARTER

Cassandra June Carter was born in 1945 and enrolled at Brisbane State High School in January 1959, graduating at the end of 1962.

Cassandra was a high-achieving student, earning straight 'As' in her Junior examination and 'As' and 'Bs' in her Senior examination. Cassandra had an interest in English and contributed to the school magazine.

Cassandra went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts at The University of Queensland and a Master of Arts at the Bryn Mawr College.

Cassandra was a Fulbright Scholar from 1967–1969 and was awarded The University of Queensland Poetry Prize. Cassandra was a member of the Australian Writers Guild and became a recognised authority on Middle English.

Cassandra's father, Albert Carter, and her mother, Hilda, were justifiably proud of their daughter and her achievements. Albert believed that much of their daughter's later success was due to the education she received at State High.

Cassandra passed away in 2003 and, in his will, Albert Carter made a bequest to State High in memory of his daughter. This perpetual bequest is to be used for the granting of bursaries to defray the educational expenses of one or more students of State High who demonstrate academic potential.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The Cassandra June Carter Bursary is open to all students from Year 7 to 11 currently enrolled at Brisbane State High School, irrespective of his or her enrolment category, who can demonstrate academic potential.

WHAT DOES THE BURSARY PROVIDE?

The amount of the Bursary will vary each year and will be applied as a credit to your school account to defray the costs of educational expenses (including the costs of participation in school co-curricular activities). The Bursary cannot be used to defray the costs of uniforms or other apparel.

HOW LONG DOES THE BURSARY LAST?

The level of support provided by the Cassandra June Carter Bursary will be a one-off payment applied to your account for the following school year. Surplus funds may be rolled over by one more year or used to assist with negotiated educational costs.



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HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for The Cassandra June Carter Bursary, families are required to complete a Bursary Application Form and provide the supporting documentation requested.

Applications for The Cassandra June Carter Bursary to be awarded in 2026 are now open and must be received by: **Sunday 17 January 2027.**

Applications must be submitted via email and by the due date to the State High Foundation at: statehighfoundation@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

WHAT SHOULD I PROVIDE?

All applications must be accompanied by the following:

- Copy of school transcripts for previous and current year if not completed at State High;
- Copy of external academic competition results, such as Maths and Science competitions for the previous two years.

WHERE IS THE APPLICATION FORM?

The application form can be downloaded from the bottom of the State High Foundation page or via the following link: CJC Application Form

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

Successful applicants will be announced at the Leadership & Learning Ceremony, which is held at the commencement of each school year.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

Students granted the privilege of a Cassandra June Carter Bursary are expected to maintain their academic performance.

Parents/Guardians of students receiving a Bursary will still be responsible for meeting the balance of educational expenses not covered by the Bursary. Failure to meet these expenses by the due dates may result in the loss of the Bursary.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?



Applications for The Cassandra June Carter Bursary are assessed by a panel including the Executive Principal.

While we understand that the Bursary will attract applications from many worthy students, the number and value of the Bursaries granted is dependent on the level of funding available each year.

This year, five bursaries will be awarded at $1000 each. Applications close on **Sunday 17 January 2027.** All decisions by the panel are final and no appeals will be heard.