The Life of Albert Coates

Albert Ernest Coates was born in 1895 at Mt Pleasant, Ballarat, attending school to the age of eleven. Beginning as a butcher’s apprentice and a bookbinder, he aspired to a career in medicine.

He sailed to Gallipoli as a medical orderly serving throughout World War I with distinction.

After the War, he put himself through medical school by working at night in the postal service.

Within a year of graduating, Coates was appointed acting Professor of Anatomy at the University of Melbourne.

Aged 46, he volunteered for duty during World War II. After the fall of Singapore, Coates stayed to care for the wounded in Sumatra, becoming a prisoner of war on the infamous Thai-Burma Railway.

Hundreds of lives were saved by his surgical work. He later became Senior Surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Stewart Lecturer in Surgery at the University of Melbourne.

He was active in Rotary International and community service. Despite his achievements, one of Coates’ responses to praise was: “Any mug could have done it”.

For a biography of Sir Albert Coates, published by the Coates Trust, refer to Against the Odds: Albert Coates – A Heroic Life by Walter Gherardin.

Further information on the life of Sir Albert Coates and the Coates Trust can be found at the Trust website www.albertcoates.com

How to apply for the Scholarships

To apply for the Albert Coates Memorial Scholarships please contact:

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The Albert Coates Memorial Scholarships incorporate:

- Albert Coates Award (Nursing) $3000
- Jim Pryor Visual Arts Award $3000
- Biomedical Science Award $3000

Eligibility

Applications to be lodged by 4.00pm, Friday 14 August 2020.

1. Candidates must be enrolled in an undergraduate Nursing, Visual Arts or Biomedical Science degree at Federation University Australia at the time of applying for, and if successful, at the time of receipt of the Scholarship.
2. Candidates must have successfully completed their first year of a Nursing, Visual Arts or Biomedical Science degree and be enrolled in the second year of the course.
3. Both full-time and part-time students from these study areas are eligible for these Scholarships.
4. Candidates must be an Australian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Australia.

Selection Criteria

1. The Scholarships will be presented by Federation University Australia and the Albert Coates Memorial Trust to the candidates who have:
   a. Achieved standards of excellence in their academic record.
   b. Demonstrated the ability to achieve academically whilst overcoming challenging circumstances, as determined by the Albert Coates Memorial Scholarships Selection Committee. These circumstances may involve financial, personal or academic difficulties, for example.
   c. Enrolled in the second year of their degree.
2. The Scholarships shall not necessarily be awarded to the candidate achieving the highest academic standards.
3. If no candidates are considered to be of sufficient merit by the Selection Committee, the Scholarships will not be awarded in that given year.
4. Where more than one candidate is selected for an award, prize money may be split.

Scholarships

1. The Selection Committee shall notify the successful candidates of the Albert Coates Memorial Scholarships.
2. The Scholarship shall be presented to the successful candidate by a representative of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust.
3. Successful recipients of the Scholarship are also required to attend the Coates Oration, normally held in October.

Registration

1. Complete KickStart online registration (do not submit if you have previously registered).
2. Complete the Albert Coates application via scholarships website.

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