

The Betty Cuthbert Scholarship.

The Betty Cuthbert scholarship is a scholarship of \$1,500 available to a student of ICARUS College or Medical Entrance who commences medical school in Australia in 2008 after a third attempt at the UMAT.

About Betty Cuthbert

Betty Cuthbert is known as "The Golden Girl".

She won four Olympic gold medals for Australia, the highest number won by any Australian track and field athlete.

In beating the world's best, this golden-haired runner raced her way into the hearts of millions of Australians.

When Betty was born, in 1938, her mother was shocked to find she wasn't having just one baby - but two!

Betty and her twin sister, Marie, grew up in Sydney during the 1930s depression.

To survive the tough times their father ran a plant nursery, and young Betty used to love running barefoot between the rows of plants.

"I always felt free when I ran. I suppose that's what was good about it."

A trophy for the best girl athlete while at primary school hinted at the victories to come.

"I realised from a very early age that God gave me a gift, and that gift was to run, and I wanted to use it to the best of my ability."

In high school, Betty's running skill attracted the attention of athletics coach, June Ferguson.

So began one of Australia's most successful sporting partnerships.

Betty's tendency to run with her mouth wide open became a trademark characteristic.

"Everything I did that required effort, I opened my mouth. Even to catch a ball, I opened my mouth."

At the age of seventeen, Betty set her sights on the 1956 Melbourne Olympics - the first Olympic Games to be held in Australia.

"No way did I ever think I was going to win the 100m."

"My favourite event was the 200m, so as I won the 100m, I thought it was possible I'd win the 200m."

Then came the relay.

"A photo finish is called for, but it's odds on Australia."

Three gold medals for Australia!

The country went mad!

Just 18 years old, and very shy, Betty found her new fame as Australia's "Golden Girl" a bit overwhelming.

"While I was out I did the right thing, by being in the public and being noticed, but I loved to get home and have my little security."

By the Rome Olympics of 1960 Betty was at peak fitness.

But when a torn leg muscle forced her to withdraw from competition Betty took defeat as her cue to retire.

After a two year break she believes God called her to run again.

"I said 'OK, you win', and as soon as I said that this wonderful feeling came right through my body, and I was mentally keen to want to do something again."

Betty's desire to win was stronger than ever ... but it was a long haul to regain her fitness.

"When I went for competition, the girls that I used to beat by yards were all beating me."

Ignoring those who said that, at 26, she was too old to win, Betty began training hard for the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games.

The four hundred metres in Tokyo was to be Betty's toughest ... and last ...race.

"...running on an inside lane, the slim champion sprinter..." (Commentator)

As was her style in longer races, Betty began fast ... then slowed down a little until she hit the home straight.

"And I thought 'Now, it's now' - I have to put it in ... and I did."

Betty retired with this victory.

Her medal tally included one Commonwealth and four Olympic gold medals.

"I knew I had done what I had to do - that's why I retired."

In 1981, Australia was shocked to learn that Betty had contracted the potentially crippling disease, Multiple Sclerosis.

Much of her time is spent raising funds for research into this mysterious condition.

In fighting the disease Betty displays the same courage that won gold on the track.

"You've got to stick at a thing, a particular thing, until you succeed. I feel that's the only way to succeed - by concentrating on something in particular. Once you know what you've got to do you will succeed, you will succeed."

Requirements for Entry & Instructions

- This scholarship is open to all Australian citizens who are a student of ICARUS College or Medical Entrance.
- The applicant must be enrolled to study medicine in 2008.
- Include a self addressed Yellow envelope for promotional materials
- Should you be selected as a recipient of the scholarship you must first provide proof of enrolment in a Medical Course at an Australian University.
- The applicant must also provide proof that this is their 3rd attempt at the UMAT.
- The winner will be required to provide a passport photo for publishing on the medical entrance website.
- Print out the registration form attached to this document and fill in the details. All fields are required for entry.

Rules

- One entrant will be selected as the recipient of the Betty Cuthbert scholarship
- All applications must be received by last mail 20th January 2008.
- Only properly completed entries will be eligible for selection.
- All entries received after the 20th January 2008 will not be considered
- Potential scholarship recipients will be notified no later than the 16th of February 2008.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced on the website upon confirmation and acceptance by the respective recipients.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Winning entrants permit the use of their name, photo and details for website inclusion.

The Betty Cuthbert Scholarship application

Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	
Post Code:	
State:	
Contact phone number:	

Please ensure you also include:

- Your certified copy of UMAT results, and the proof of 3 previous attempts.
- Proof of enrolment in a Medical Course at an Australian University.
- This registration form fully completed.

Mail this form including the above documents¹ to:

**Icarus College
Level 2,
339 King St
West Melbourne
Victoria 3003**

- Please write on the back of the envelope Attention: The Betty Cuthbert Scholarship

¹ Please note all Submissions remain the property of ICARUS College