

SIR DOUGLAS MYERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship was established in 2000 and is made available through the generosity of Sir Douglas Myers. Recipients of the scholarships shall be called the Sir Douglas Myers Scholars.

Purpose

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship provides an opportunity for students who have already distinguished themselves academically to attend one of the most prestigious universities in the World. The expressed hope of Sir Douglas Myers is that graduates will return to New Zealand to become leaders in their chosen fields, to the direct benefit of New Zealand and its people.

Value and Tenure

The Scholarship enables the successful candidate to attend Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge University, and provides the tuition fees and a living allowance. The Scholarship will normally be held for three years, provided that the scholar continues to make satisfactory progress with his or her studies. (Extensions of the award may be made if there is reasonable justification.)

The Scholarship is available for students of all courses of study excepting medicine and law.

The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other bursary or scholarship, provided that the rules of the other award allow this.

The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is awarded.

Eligibility

Candidates for the Scholarship must:

- be entered for the Year 13 senior school examination (for example, NCEA Level 3, Cambridge exams, etc) or equivalent senior school exam in the year of application;
- be New Zealand citizens or have New Zealand permanent resident status;
- normally have completed their five years of secondary schooling in New Zealand.

In making the award, the Selection Committee shall have regard not only to the academic ability of the candidates as evidenced by their performance in the Year 13 senior school examination (NCEA Level 3 or equivalent) but also to other factors such as character, qualities of leadership, contribution to cultural and/or sporting activities and intention to bring back benefits from the scholarship to New Zealand.

The Scholarship shall be awarded without restriction of gender, ethnic background or creed.

Applications

Applications, on the application forms provided by Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara, must reach Universities New Zealand by 1 December in the year prior to that in which the award is to be taken up.

Every application shall be accompanied by:

- A one-page statement listing the applicant's achievements and activities, under the following headings; Academic, Positions of Responsibility, Sporting, Cultural, Community.
- A statement limited to 300 words outlining reasons for wishing to study at Cambridge, and the proposed course of study. It is expected that applicants will have researched their chosen course of study and will have a firm idea of their degree programme.
- A statement limited to 500 words outlining where the applicant sees themselves in 10 years' time.
- The names of two persons from whom references have been requested. One reference should describe academic achievements, interests and abilities. The other reference should be from a person who can comment on the applicant's participation and achievements in extra-curricular activities.
- A certified copy of birth certificate and proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- Signed Universities New Zealand Privacy Declaration.
- Certified copies of academic records to date.

Year 13 Results: Universities New Zealand will obtain Year 13 NCEA and scholarship exam results from NZQA.

IB and Cambridge candidates must forward to Universities New Zealand immediately a certified copy of their results by courier or fastpost as soon as they are received.

Selection

The Scholarship is awarded by Sir Douglas Myers on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed at the discretion of the donor.

In determining the suitability of an applicant, the Selection Committee shall have regard to the applicant's academic record and experience, ambassadorial qualities and the referees' reports. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the award in any year, then the award shall not be offered in that year.

Interviews will be held at a time and place to be confirmed each year. No scholarship will be awarded to anyone who has not attended a personal interview with the committee.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Details of the selected candidate will be forwarded to Gonville & Caius College for final approval prior to awarding the scholarship.

Reports

All holders of a scholarship shall make regular reports on the progress of their studies to Universities New Zealand at such times as may be required and shall make a final detailed report to it at the conclusion of the scholarship. Universities New Zealand shall send a copy of each report to each member of the Board of Selection. Universities New Zealand shall be at liberty to publish any of such reports or make such other use thereof as it may think fit.

If the scholar returns to New Zealand for a visit during their degree studies then they are required to contact Mr John Taylor (via the Universities New Zealand offices), to provide an update on the progress of their study.

Publicity

The successful candidate will agree to have his/her name published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

Suspension or Termination

Universities New Zealand may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the approved programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded. The scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme.

Concessions

The Selection Committee, may, if it thinks fit, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholar or applicant for a scholarship.