

ROTARY CLUB of WELLINGTON NORTH SCHOLARSHIPS

REGULATIONS

Purpose

The Wellington North Rotary Scholarship Trust was established to mark the 25th anniversary of Wellington North Rotary in 1990 and incorporates a subsequent bequest from one of its members, the late Ian Crabtree.

Wellington North Rotary Scholarships are awarded to assist students in the greater Wellington region undertake tertiary study, vocational training or acquire new life skills. Study or training may be undertaken anywhere in New Zealand. Preference is given to applicants who are financially disadvantaged and thus unable to undertake their study or training without scholarship assistance.

Equal consideration is given to candidates attending university, Te Pūkenga, or vocational training/life skills training.

The scholarships are awarded annually to eligible candidates undertaking any level of study or training but excludes postgraduate study. This includes candidates enrolled in second or third year of an academic programme of study. Existing scholarship holders are eligible to reapply in subsequent years

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. whose residence or place of education or vocational training is within the greater Wellington area. This extends across the same area as covered by the Wellington Regional Council, namely Wellington City, Porirua, Kapiti Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa, and
2. who has shown an ability to work and a desire to succeed, and
3. who because of financial hardship would be unlikely to complete their chosen course or would only complete it with difficulty, the cause of which is not the applicant's own doing, and
4. who has demonstrated the potential and ability to undertake and complete their tertiary education, vocational training or life skills course, and
5. who is a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Number and value

Twenty or more scholarships may be awarded annually. Awards may vary between \$1,000 and \$7,000 in value each year, depending on individual circumstances.

Duration of Scholarship

Scholarships are normally awarded for one year. For tertiary students, payment will be in two instalments with the second instalment conditional on proof of satisfactory academic progress. For vocational and life skills training the payment schedule will be determined depending on the nature of the course and the assistance being provided.

Applications

Candidates must complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships application website:

<https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

Please note that equal consideration will be given to applications for university, Te Pūkenga, vocational or life skills training, and that all applications will be considered by a Wellington North Rotary selection panel, independent of any university or other teaching institution.

Candidates will need to include in their application information relating to:

- 1 Previous educational achievements.
- 2 Participation in extracurricular and community activities.
- 3 A statement detailing the reasons for undertaking the proposed course of study or training and future career plans.
- 4 A statement covering expected financial hardship that will be experienced by pursuing the proposed academic or vocational qualifications. This statement should include other forms of financial support such as that received from family or any other means.
- 5 The names and contact details of two referees. Both referees should be able to comment on the candidate's suitability for a scholarship, including with regard to the candidate's financial circumstances and any hardship experienced, as well as the candidate's ability to succeed in their chosen course of study.

The closing date is 31 October.

Selection Panel

Selection will be made by a panel appointed by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Wellington North.

The panel will consider each application on its overall merits, not on academic ability alone, and will submit its final recommendations through the trustees of Wellington North Scholarship Trust to the Board of Directors for approval.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by early December. It has been the custom for Wellington North Rotary to host successful applicants at a barbecue or luncheon in January/February, to meet club members and to share their story.

Administrative matters

Any enquiries about the scope and conditions of the scholarship should be made to scholarships-cf@universitiesnz.ac.nz