

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Sir Robert Jones Refugee Women’s Scholarship

These FAQs are designed to help applicants and supporters quickly find answers to common questions about the Sir Robert Jones Refugee Women’s Scholarship Regulations.

1. Who can apply for this scholarship?

Women who arrived in New Zealand as refugees or asylum seekers, are aged 17–26 in the year of application, are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, and are eligible for a Student Allowance.

2. What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship covers full tuition fees (including compulsory student fees) for up to four years of full-time undergraduate study. If you need to study away from your hometown, it also covers two years of catered hall of residence accommodation.

3. Can I apply if I am already enrolled in university?

Yes. Both school leavers and current undergraduate students can apply.

4. Can I use the scholarship for postgraduate (graduate) study?

If you are studying at a post graduate level please apply for the Sir Robert Jones Women’s Graduate Scholarship.

5. How do I apply?

Applications are submitted online through Community Force, managed by Universities New Zealand. You must complete the form and provide all required documents by 11:50pm on 30 June.

6. What documents do I need to provide?

- Proof of refugee status and permanent residency,
 - academic records for the last 2.5 years,
 - a letter from StudyLink confirming Student Allowance eligibility, and
 - contact details for two referees (one academic, one character).
- You must also write about your background, education, goals, and challenges.

7. Can I hold other scholarships at the same time?

You cannot hold another scholarship that pays your tuition fees. However, you may hold other scholarships for non-tuition expenses if approved by the selection committee chair.

8. What happens if I need to take a break from my studies?

The scholarship cannot be deferred or suspended except in special circumstances and with approval. If you stop studying or take unapproved leave, the scholarship may be suspended or terminated.

9. How are recipients selected?

A selection committee reviews applications based on barriers to education, academic potential, clear study plans, future focus, and need for support. Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview.

10. What are my responsibilities if I receive the scholarship?

You must study full-time, pass all courses, and provide a report and academic transcript at the end of

each year.

11. How long does the scholarship last?

The scholarship is for the minimum time required to complete your degree (usually three or four years), as determined by the selection committee.

12. Who can I contact for more information?

For questions about graduate study or other special cases, email scholarships@universitiesna.zc.nz.