

Girdlers' Scholarship Regulations

Regulations for application in 2027 for study commencing in 2028

The Worshipful Company of Girdlers can trace its foundation to medieval times as a guild or fraternity of craftsmen. While retaining its association with the trades and government of the City of London, it is now concerned with charitable works and the fellowship of its members.

The Company has had an association with New Zealand since 1933 and in 1952 resolved to set aside part of its income for the purpose of a scholarship to enable distinguished New Zealand school students to undertake a degree course at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Girdlers' Scholarship is to provide New Zealand students who have distinguished themselves in their school in New Zealand with the benefit of residence within Cambridge University, allowing them to broaden their outlook by taking advantage of their experience as undergraduates at Corpus Christi College and Cambridge University.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship an applicant must:

be entered for a Year 13 senior school examination (for example, NCEA Level 3, Cambridge International Examinations, International Baccalaureate. etc.) in the year of application.

2.2 have a record of achievement sufficient to satisfy the academic criteria for entry to Cambridge University and Corpus Christi College:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-entry-requirements>

2.4 be a New Zealand citizen, one of whose parents must have been a New Zealand citizen at the time of the applicant's birth.

2.5 have completed no fewer than 8 years of secondary schooling in New Zealand.

2.6 The scholarship is available for candidates wishing to study in the following disciplines:

Anglo-Saxon,	History	Linguistics
Norse, and Celtic	History and Modern Languages	Modern and Medieval Languages
Archaeology	History and Politics	Philosophy
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	History of Art	Theology
Classics	Human Social and Political	Religion and Philosophy of Religion
Economics	Sciences	Mathematics.
English	Law	

Candidates wishing to study degrees not listed above are ineligible for the scholarship.

Any questions relating to eligibility will be considered by the Chair of the Selection Committee. The Chair's decision is final.

3. Selection

The Selection Committee will consider not only applicants' academic ability but also character, qualities of leadership, contribution to cultural and/or sporting activities, intention to bring back benefits from the scholarship to New Zealand, ambassadorial qualities, and references. The Girdlers' Scholarship aims to transform lives by offering opportunities not otherwise available. With this in mind, the Selection Committee will try to give priority to scholars who will be the first generation in their family to go to university, and/or to those from less affluent backgrounds.

- 3.1 The Selection Committee will review applications and confirm a long-list in September. Long-listed applicants will then need to apply for admission to Cambridge and Corpus Christi via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service ([UCAS](https://www.ucas.ac.uk)) by the deadline for International Students: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying>
Admissions decisions at Cambridge University are based solely on academic criteria. Guidance is provided at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students>
- 3.2 Applicants must ensure they meet any subject requirements and relevant admission test deadlines stipulated by Cambridge University for the course for which they are applying: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/application-dates-deadlines>
- 3.3 Long-listed applicants who are successful in their UCAS application for admission and receive an offer from Corpus Christi will be considered for a short-list of candidates to be interviewed by the Selection Committee in March / April.
- 3.4 Candidates short-listed for an interview will need to have met any conditions stipulated in their offer from Corpus Christi. If the selected candidate is not accepted by Corpus Christi, they will not be awarded the scholarship.

4. Applications

Applications must be made through the Universities NZ online scholarship application system <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>. **The closing date is 1 September.**

The on-line application form will request, and applicants must provide:

- 4.1 a statement listing activities and achievements under the following headings: Academic, Positions of Responsibility, Sporting, Cultural and Community.
- 4.2 a statement, limited to 300 words, outlining their reasons for wishing to study at Cambridge University, and their 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.
- 4.3 a statement, limited to 500 words, outlining where they see themselves in 10 years' time.
- 4.5 the names of three referees:
 - 4.5.1 from their Principal or Head Teacher.
 - 4.5.2 from someone who can comment on their academic achievements and abilities.
 - 4.5.3 from someone other than a staff member at their school who can comment on their general character and leadership.
- 4.6 proof of their New Zealand citizenship.
- 4.7 proof that at least one of their parents was a New Zealand citizen at the time of the applicant's birth.

- 4.8 Within the application applicants will be required to upload their latest NZQA Record of Achievement (listing all NCEA / New Zealand Scholarship results), and any IB or CIE examinations results.
- 4.9 Within the application applicants will be required to give permission for Corpus Christi College to share any information regarding their UCAS application with Universities New Zealand.

5. Selection Committee

Universities NZ administers this scholarship for the Girdlers' Company and a Selection Committee appointed to nominate one student each selection year. This nomination is then forwarded to the Girdlers' Company and to Corpus Christi College for their confirmation.

6. Tenure

6.1 Term

The scholarship will normally be held for the duration of the scholar's undergraduate course, provided that the scholar continues to make satisfactory progress with their studies.

6.2 Co tenure

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

6.3 Commencement of study

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

6.4 Reports

6.4.1 All holders of a scholarship will provide Universities NZ and the Selection Committee with personal progress reports and give permission for their Corpus Christi Academic Reports to be released to Universities NZ and the Selection Committee. Excerpts of personal progress reports, unless marked confidential, may be used for publicity purposes of the scholarship.

6.4.2 During their residence at Cambridge, the Scholars' personal wellbeing and academic progress will be monitored by members of the Girdlers' Company through visits each term to Corpus Christi, by discussions with the Senior Tutor and other members of the faculty and through meetings at Girdlers' Hall in London at such times as the Scholars are invited to attend various functions hosted there.

6.5 Suspension or termination

6.5.1 Universities NZ and the Selection Committee may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship 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.

6.5.2 The scholarship will be terminated, and no further benefits granted if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme of study.

7. Value

The scholarship provides tuition fees and a living allowance for the successful applicant, to enable them to take up a place offered by Corpus Christi College at Cambridge University, in the year following application.

8. Publicity

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