

SIR DOUGLAS MYERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship was established in 2000 and is made available through the generosity of the late Sir Douglas Myers.

Purpose

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship provides an opportunity for students who have already distinguished themselves academically to take up a place offered by the prestigious Cambridge University. Sir Douglas expressed the hope that graduates will return to New Zealand to become leaders in their chosen fields, to the direct benefit of New Zealand and its people.

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.) or an equivalent senior school exam in the year of application.
- have a record of achievement sufficient to satisfy the academic criteria for entry to Cambridge University and Gonville and Caius College.
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- normally have completed their five years of secondary schooling in New Zealand.

Value and tenure

The scholarship provides tuition fees and a living allowance for the successful applicant, to enable them to take up a place offered by Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge University.

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 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 except Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Law.

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

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

Applications

Applications must be made through the Universities NZ online scholarship application system <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

The closing date is 1 December.

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

- a statement listing their activities and achievements under the following headings: Academic, Positions of Responsibility, Sporting, Cultural, and Community.
- 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.
 - applicants must ensure that they meet any essential subject requirements stipulated by Cambridge University for the course for which they are applying.
- a statement, limited to 500 words, outlining where they see themselves in 10 years' time.
- the names of two referees:
 - one referee must be a person able to comment on the applicant's academic achievements, interests, and abilities;
 - the other referee must be a person able to comment on the applicant's participation and achievements in extra-curricular activities.
- proof of their New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

In addition to their application for the scholarship, applicants wishing to study any of the following subjects must also apply to Cambridge University through the university's standard admissions route:

Architecture, Music, Philosophy.

Examination Results

NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship

Universities NZ will obtain NCEA and NZ Scholarship examination results from NZQA.

IB and CIE

Applicants sitting IB and CIE examinations must forward a copy of their results to Universities NZ as soon as they are received.

If an applicant's results for these examinations are not received **by 25 January** their application for the Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship will not be considered.

Selection

The scholarship is awarded by the Myers Family on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed by the family.

Admissions decisions at Cambridge University are based solely on academic criteria. The successful candidate must therefore demonstrate a record of academic achievement and subject engagement sufficient to meet the requirements of Cambridge University. Guidance is provided at <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students>

In making their recommendation the Selection Committee will have regard not only to the academic ability of the applicants but also to other factors such as character, qualities of leadership, contribution to cultural and/or sporting activities, intention to bring back benefits from the scholarship to New Zealand, their ambassadorial qualities, and the referees' reports.

The scholarship will be awarded without restriction of gender, ethnic background or creed.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the award in any year, then the award will not be offered in that year.

No scholarship will be awarded to anyone who has not attended in person an interview with the Selection Committee, or who has not satisfied the academic criteria specified by Cambridge University and Gonville and Caius College.

Final approval of the selected candidate will be sought from Gonville and Caius College before the scholarship can be confirmed.

Any applicant who applied for admission directly to Cambridge University but was rejected will be ineligible for consideration by the Selection Committee.

Reports

All holders of a scholarship will make regular reports on the progress of their studies to Universities NZ at such times as may be required and will make a final detailed report to it at the conclusion of the scholarship.

Universities NZ will send a copy of the scholars' reports to members of the Selection Committee.

Universities NZ will 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 studies then they are required to contact Mr John Taylor (via Universities NZ) to provide an update on the progress of their studies.

All holders of a scholarship give their permission for their termly Academic Reports from Gonville and Caius to be released to Universities NZ and included with their personal reports to the Myers Scholarship Selection Committee.

Publicity

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

Suspension or termination

Universities NZ may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the Selection 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 will be terminated and no further benefits granted if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme of study.

Concessions

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