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Council supports Selwyn students to advance in life

Selwyn District Council is offering scholarships for up to six senior local high school students to pursue their passion and aspirations beyond school.

Applications for the scholarships opened this week for Year 12 and 13 students who live in Selwyn, go to a high school in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time tertiary education or training at a recognised New Zealand university, polytechnic or training institution next year.

In 2019, up to six scholarships of up to \$3000 each will be available for students from Darfield High School, Ellesmere College and Lincoln High School who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility or other areas. Those who have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve are also encouraged to apply.

From 2020 the scholarship will also be open to students from Rolleston College.

The scholarship will provide payment towards fees and costs associated with the purchase of books and equipment required for the study or training on a full-time course of study or training.

Council Community Services and Facilities Group Manager Denise Kidd says the scholarships are intended to help local young people pursue their dreams.

“The Council recognises that in Selwyn district it benefits all of us when we encourage the outstanding young people we have. These scholarships are not limited to academic achievements, but are also open to supporting local senior students who have achieved success in sports, culture, arts pursuits or who have represented us well despite the obstacles in their way.”

Scholarship applicants will be able to include a statement of support from a teacher or coach from their school, or from a person outside school who is relevant to their application such as a regional or national coach.

Applications close at the end of September and shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process. The Council will also liaise directly with local secondary schools before making its final decision and the successful applicants are expected to be announced at the end of year school prizegiving awards.

To find out more about the scholarships, including application forms, students can visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships, or contact a local Selwyn Youth Council

member, their local high school, or the grants administrator at Selwyn District Council on scholarships@selwyn.govt.nz.

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