

Funding Schedule: School Students' Tertiary Scholarships Fund

The School Students' Tertiary Scholarships Fund supports Waikirikiri Selwyn secondary school students with a contribution towards the costs of tertiary education.

1. Purpose of this fund

To encourage the district's secondary school students to achieve outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility, or other areas in their community. Students who have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve are particularly encouraged to apply.

2. Outcomes – what we will see through the initiatives funded by this fund

- Eight students benefit in their tertiary education through the scholarships (two each from Rolleston College, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School, and Darfield High School).
- Student success in a range of areas is acknowledged and celebrated.

3. Fund Activities

Annual fund amount for 2026/27	\$16,000
Amount per application	Each scholarship is worth \$2,000 (<i>one scholarship per student</i>)
Fund decision makers	Assessment Panel
Fund type	Contestable
Fund frequency	One funding round per year
Fund opening and closing dates	As on website
Decisions date	By 31 October (<i>or earlier depending on school graduation / prize-giving dates</i>)
Accountability requirements	Applicants agree to provide the Council with a brief report about benefits gained through their tertiary education experience at the end of their first year of study. The report could be written or electronic (e.g. video).
Who can apply	• There are 8 scholarships available: ○ 8 scholarships for students attending secondary school in Waikirikiri Selwyn (two each from Rolleston College, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School, and Darfield High School). • Applicants are students who demonstrate outstanding success in at least one area of school or community life such as academic¹, sports, culture, music, arts, community service, or other areas. • Applicants who have overcome significant barriers or hardships to achieve are encouraged to apply. • Applicants must ○ be enrolled as a year 12 or 13 student at the time of application. ○ plan to undertake full-time tertiary education through a New Zealand university, wānanga, polytechnic/training institute, government training

¹ If the application includes 'academic achievement' as an area for consideration, the applicant must provide a reference from their school. This reference should be from either the principal, a dean, or a teacher.

	provider, or private training establishment that is registered with the <u>New Zealand Qualifications Authority</u>. ○ permanently reside in the Waikirikiri Selwyn district on a weekly basis. ○ be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
What can be funded	The scholarship is intended to be used by recipients as a contribution to the costs of tertiary education including: • Course fees • Study materials, textbooks, and equipment specifically related to the area of study (e.g., art supplies for an arts course, tools for a building apprenticeship) • Student accommodation costs • Travel costs to the study location.
What can't be funded	Living costs not included above.
Criteria / terms and conditions	• Applicants must include a reference² with their application, by a person who is not a member of their family. This might be a coach, tutor, school principal/dean/teacher, someone involved in the community service the applicant is delivering, and so forth. • Applicants must include a Record of Achievement³ with their application. • The applicants' chosen field of study does not have to align with their area of achievement mentioned in the application. For example, a student excelling in sports may choose to study arts. • The scholarship is for a full-time programme of study or work-based training programme (apprenticeship). • The programme of study must commence in the calendar year following the awarding of the scholarship. • Payment of the scholarship is made on receipt of acceptance of enrolment from the tertiary provider. • Only one application can be submitted per applicant per year. • The number of scholarships granted in any one year is determined by Selwyn District Council.

² References should be provided by a person who is not a member of the applicants family. This might be a coach, tutor, school principal / dean / teacher, someone involved in the community service the applicant is delivering, and so forth. The referee needs to state their connection with the applicant, the duration of the connection, the applicant's specific skills and talents, their achievements and successes, and the commitment demonstrated by the applicant.

³ Record of Achievement should be for the past 2 years.