

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

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

3. Fund Activities

Annual fund amount	\$36,000
Amount per application	Each scholarship is worth \$3,000 (one scholarship per student)
Fund decision makers	Assessment Panel
Fund type	Contestable
Fund frequency	One funding round per year
Fund opening and closing dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opens 31 July• Closes mid-September (before school holidays start)
Decisions date	By 31 October (or earlier depending on school graduation / prize-giving dates)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 12 scholarships available:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 8 scholarships for students attending secondary school in Waikirikiri Selwyn (two each from Rolleston College, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School, and Darfield High School).○ 4 scholarships for students regardless of which school they attend (these scholarships are available to students attending school within or outside¹ of Waikirikiri Selwyn, including home schoolers).²

¹ This recognises that some Waikirikiri Selwyn young people need to attend school outside the district, for example, the student may have special access needs or require specific learning support needs, or they attended the district's Christian primary school and there is not a local Christian high-school, and so on.

² As resolved by the Community Funding Assessment Panel at its meeting on 9 April 2025 (moved Cr Hasson / seconded Cr McInnes):

"That the Assessment Panel agree to make no changes to the School Students' Tertiary Scholarships Funding Schedule, maintaining the current criteria whereby the four district-wide scholarships remain available to Selwyn resident students, regardless of the school they attend - including those attending schools outside of Waikirikiri Selwyn, as well as home-schooled students."

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants are students who demonstrate outstanding success in at least one area of school or community life such as academic³, 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ be enrolled as a year 12 or 13 student at the time of application, or, hold a Ministry of Education home education exemption. ○ plan to undertake full-time tertiary education through a New Zealand university, wānanga, polytechnic/training institute, government training provider, or private training establishment that is registered with the <u>New Zealand Qualifications Authority</u>. ○ permanently reside in the Waikirikiriri Selwyn district on a weekly basis (i.e. they do not board out of the district during the week). ○ be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
What can be funded	<p>The scholarship is intended to be used by recipients as a contribution to the costs of tertiary education including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must include a reference⁴ 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 Achievement⁵ with their application. • The applicants' chosen field of study does not have to align with their area of achievement mentioned in the

³ 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. If the applicant is homeschooled, they should provide a reference from a person outside of their family who can provide a reference about the applicants academic achievement.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Record of Achievement should be for the past 2 years. If a homeschool student, attach evidence of academic achievement in a format relevant to the learning programme you have been engaged in. It would be helpful if the information is provided by an external source (please provide their contact details and website address).

	<p>application. For example, a student excelling in sports may choose to study arts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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