

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL)

Which scholarship?

- All NZ universities offer scholarships. Look at the website of the University, and search 'undergraduate scholarships' or 'entrance scholarships'.
- Scholarships are also offered by many other organisations. To find these in the most effective way, go to a public library, and ask a librarian about using the Breakout website.
- As scholarship information arrives at school it will be passed on to you so listen for this.

Requirements:

- Scholarships are very hard to get, so you do need lots of fabulous grades
- You need to be able to show evidence of community involvement and other extra-curricular activities.
- A letter of support / testimonial from Northcote College. You will need to apply for an early testimonial. When applying, be sure to list all your achievements and activities from your time at school. Apply at referencerequest@northcote.school.nz.

Writing your application:

- Read the application form and instructions very carefully.
- Always write at least ONE draft and have it checked by an adult.
- Answer the question. Stay focussed with your answers, don't digress or waffle.
- Do your homework – know about the programme you are going to study, and the institution, and use this information to guide your answers.
- Sell yourself. Your application is like your CV – it is your one opportunity to let them know that you are the best person for the scholarship. Don't brag, but tell them the truth.
- Include reasons why you would be a good candidate (achievement, attitude, motivation, goals and special circumstances)
- Be future-focussed – write about your goals and ambitions and the role the scholarship will play in getting you there.
- Include the name of the scholarship in the first sentence "I am applying for..."

Extra information:

- If financial information is required you will need information from your parents, and you may need help with a projected budget. For creating a budget see studylink.govt.nz.

Documents and verification

- You will need:
 - Record of Learning (from NZQA)
 - Birth Certificate / Passport
- In almost all cases you will need to have your documents verified, including your personal statement.
- Qualifications and personal statements can be verified by Ms Pennell (Maths).
- Other documents (birth certificate, passport etc) must be verified by a Justice of the Peace. You can access a JP through the Public Library.
- Allow enough time for references to be completed and documents to be verified.

Aim

- to have completely finished your application AT LEAST 4 days before it is due.

Delivery:

- The earlier the better – submitting via the internet can have problems!
- Some applications have to be delivered by hand – you will need to be able to get to the address yourself if this is the case.
- Posting – it's called Snail Mail for a reason...

University Information:

Some universities have been kind enough to give the following guidelines:

Otago University Scholarships:

You need at least 80 Excellence credits at Level 2 to have a chance of being successful.

Auckland University:

You must have at least 80 Excellence credits at Level 2 to apply. This is however an absolute minimum.

AUT:

Vice Chancellor's Scholarship requires a Level 2 rank score (best 80 credits) of 250 (apply to Mr McNaughton)

Significant Student Award requires a Level 2 rank score (best 80 credits) of 250 (open to all students)