



The Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	31 August
Value	\$10,000 per annum (\$30,00 total)
Tenure	Three years. On request, extension for a fourth year of tenure is considered.
Number available annually	One
Applicable programme during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a degree programme at the Ara Institute of Canterbury, or Lincoln University, or the University of Canterbury.
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas who have resided in the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn regions ¹ for at least the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date.

1. Purpose

This scholarship supports academically able students at the Ara Institute of Canterbury, Lincoln University, or the University of Canterbury whose financial or personal circumstances might have prevented them from considering entry to tertiary education in the absence of the scholarship.

2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.2 Applicants must have been studying at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application.
- 2.3 Applicants must have resided in either the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn regions¹ for at least the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for applications .

3. Selection process

- 3.1 One scholarship is available annually.

¹ *Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn Regions* is defined here as the territory of the Canterbury Regional Council. See <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/localgovernment-in-nz/new-zealands-councils/> refer South Island map.

3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust for a programme for which the applicant intends to enrol in the following year, at either the Ara Institute of Canterbury, Lincoln University, or the University of Canterbury.

4. Selection criteria

- 4.1 In making the recommendation the nominees of the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust consider:
- a. personal or financial circumstances restricting the applicant's ability to enter tertiary education;
 - b. academic achievement; and
 - c. general character, community involvement, and likelihood of successful completion of the intended programme of study, as evidenced by a letter of support from the applicant's school.
- 4.2 Preference is given to applicants who have received their secondary education while residing in, or attending a school in, the Riccarton Ward of Christchurch.²
- 4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is awarded.

5. Application process

Applications must be made using the application form found [here](#), to the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust by email by 31 August³. **No late applications will be accepted.**

6. Tenability

- 6.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 6.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a degree programme at the Ara Institute of Canterbury, or Lincoln University, or the University of Canterbury.
- 6.3 The scholarship is tenable for three years. On request to the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust Scholarships office, extension for a fourth year of tenure may be recommended by the nominees of the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust.
- 6.4 Normally, the scholarship is not co-tenable with any other award. However, the nominees of the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust may recommend co-tenability if the candidate has extenuating circumstances and the conditions of the other award do not preclude co-tenure.

7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship has a value of \$10,000 per annum (\$30,000 total).
- 7.2 The value of the scholarship is paid to the recipient's tertiary institution (Ara Institute of Canterbury, Lincoln University, or University of Canterbury). In any year that the recipient is required to pay tuition fees the institution credits the recipient's tuition fees account at the time of full-time enrolment in a degree programme, and any remaining balance is credited to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account. In any year that the recipient is not required to pay tuition fees the scholarship is credited to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account on confirmation of full-time enrolment in a degree programme. NB: Any balance remaining after tuition fees have been paid to the institution of choice, will be credited to the recipients New Zealand bank account.

² For the boundaries of the Riccarton Ward see <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/councilwards/>

³ <mailto:riccarton.youth.trust.scholarship@gmail.com>

8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.

8.2 By accepting an award, recipients will be required to agree to the terms and conditions of acceptance including, but not limited to:

- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress;⁴
- Understand requirements as listed under clause 8.3;
- Provide to the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust Scholarship Coordinator, a copy of study transcript at least once per year, and on request if applicable;
- Permit publication and announcement of their acceptance;
- Attendance at an appropriate meeting of the Riccarton Rotary Club following the awarding of the scholarship; and
- Meet the Trustees of the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust.

8.3 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in a year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

9. Background information

Rotary Club of Riccarton established the scholarship in 2007 as the result of a significant grant to the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust from a Riccarton resident and Rotarian, Mr Brian Moore.

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⁴ Gaining a pass with grade B or above, for papers undertaken at the institute of choice