

Tertiary Education Scholarships criteria



Objective

The scholarships are an initiative of the Gore District Youth Council and have been set up for young people from the Gore District who are commencing study in a Council relevant area, with the opportunity for paid work experience with the Council during future holiday breaks. The scholarships will be available to young people who can prove they are dedicated to studying, with a clear vision of the goals they want to achieve, and a passion for making a difference.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- school leavers aged 19 years or younger on 31 December 2023, residing within the Gore District, who are going on to study at a tertiary level, at a New Zealand university, or an education provider that is recognised by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA);
- able to demonstrate their talent, dedication and passion for reaching their goals; and
- aiming to make a positive difference within the Gore community through their field of study or training.

Note – children of current staff and elected members are ineligible to apply.

Criteria

- Two scholarships are available annually in the form of a one-off grant of \$1,000.
- Applicants may be studying a Council relevant area including, but not limited to, civil engineering, environmental health, finance, information technology, planning, building, communications, administration, humanities, parks and recreation.
- As part of the scholarship entitlement the recipients may be offered up to 10 weeks paid work experience, at the Council, during the summer holidays for each year of their study (up to three years). This offer is dependent on the skills and interests of the scholarship recipient and the availability of suitable work at the Council.
- All applicants must complete a scholarship application form.

- Application forms must be received by the Council no later than **5:00pm Friday 10 November 2023**, for study commencing in 2023.
- Applicants must be able to describe their intended course of study and future intentions on the application form.
- Scholarships can be only used for assistance towards expenses (for example fees, stationery, resources etc), for the nominated course of study the recipient has chosen.
- The applicant must disclose on the application form what the scholarship will be used for, and recipients must provide the Council with information showing how the money has been spent.
- There is no specific level of school grades that must be achieved. Applicants must however, be able to show that the intended study programme is within their capabilities, having regard for academic results achieved to date.
- The Council may reserve its right to confer preference to candidates who have not already secured a scholarship from other organisations.

Selection process

- Successful applicants will be decided by a selection panel consisting of the Gore District Council Human Resources Manager and a Councillor.
- Applicants will be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Interviews for the 2023 scholarships will be held on the **afternoon of Friday 17 November 2023**.
- ***A presentation to successful recipients is likely to take place at a function scheduled in mid-December.***