

Rotary Club of Christchurch Blackgrove Scholarship

Regulations

This scholarship supports students intending to study at the University of Canterbury who face challenges that might otherwise prevent them from considering entry to tertiary education.

1. The scholarship provides financial support towards tuition fees and related costs. The final value of the scholarship each year shall be in accordance with decisions made from time to time by the University of Canterbury Foundation. The current value of the scholarship is specified in Note 1.
2. One scholarship, tenable for one year, will be available annually.
3. The scholarship must be taken up in the year following application.
4. Applicants must have enrolled or have applied to enrol for full-time study in the first year of a degree programme at the University of Canterbury, by 10 December in the year of application.
5. Recipients must have left secondary school not more than two years prior to commencing the first year of full-time study at the University and must have resided continuously in the Canterbury regional council area for at least 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for applications or preceding the start of a gap year. Preference will be given to applicants who have been educated within the Christchurch City territorial authority.
6. The scholarships will be awarded by the University of Canterbury Council, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee that comprises the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee), a representative of the University of Canterbury Foundation, and three members of the Rotary Club of Christchurch.
7. In making its recommendation, the Committee will consider challenges being faced in entering tertiary education (for example, financial difficulty and other personal circumstances), academic achievement, and likelihood of successful completion of the chosen programme of study. Emphasis will be put on financial difficulty facing the applicant.
8. Applications for the scholarship must be made on the appropriate form, which can be obtained from the Scholarships website,² and must be forwarded to the Scholarships Office, not later than 5.00pm on 15 August, or, if this is not a business day, by 5.00pm on the next business day.
9. If in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit, no award will be made.
10. An offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not accepted, in writing, within one calendar month of the offer being made, unless otherwise specified in the offer letter.
11. The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other scholarship, prize or award that comprises a payment towards tuition fees.

¹ The current value the scholarship is \$5,000.

² <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

12. The value of a scholarship will be credited directly to a recipient's University fees account after a scholarship offer has been accepted and at the time of enrolment in full-time study in the first year of a degree programme.
13. A condition of acceptance is that recipients will be willing to engage in UC community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as UC ambassadors, and being involved with UC publicity as appropriate. The recipient will be expected to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Christchurch, at which the award of the scholarship will be acknowledged. Occasional attendance at other meetings of the Club may also be expected.
14. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from full-time study in a degree programme the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
15. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement³ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the Award: The scholarship was established in 2007 by a gift of \$100,000 to the University of Canterbury Foundation, with the intention of providing, in perpetuity, a scholarship for first-year students. It records a significant financial legacy for charitable purposes received by the Rotary Club of Christchurch from one of its members, the late Jack Blackgrove.

Ref: 5075/5/136 / Rotary_Blackgrove
October 2011; revised June 2013, April 2014; June 2022

³ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.