

DEVELOPMENT WEST COAST

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Regulations

1. BACKGROUND

Development West Coast (DWC) is the Economic Development Agency for the West Coast.

Four DWC Tertiary Scholarships per year will be made available, which will be awarded to at least one student from each of the West Coast Districts. They will be awarded to students who plan to embark on tertiary study for the first time. Scholarships may be held for the duration of an undergraduate degree programme (normally three – four years), providing that the scholar achieves at least a B average each year and makes satisfactory progress in all respects.

Students will be required to undertake a course of study that leads to employment within the West Coast.

Students will be required to complete an online application form outlining their study and career plans.

Candidates will need to: reside on the West Coast or be able to demonstrate a substantive connection to the West Coast; be entering tertiary study for the first time; demonstrate a willingness to be undertake paid work experience at a West Coast business in their annual academic break; and demonstrate a willingness and commitment to return to the West Coast and be bonded for employment post tertiary study for a minimum period of two years.

2. NAME

The award shall be known as the Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship.

3. PURPOSE

The Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship is intended to provide the sum of NZ\$5,000.00 in year one, \$7,500.00 in year two and \$10,000.00 in year three and year four if required towards tuition fees or other expenses for school leavers or mature students who wish to undertake full-time study at one of the tertiary institutions in New Zealand.

4. REGULATIONS

4.1 Eligibility

Applicants for the Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship:

- must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who have resided on the West Coast, or have immediate relatives and a substantive home on the West Coast; and
- must meet the entrance criteria for their chosen programme of full-time study
- must not have attended full-time at any tertiary education institution in the past¹
- must demonstrate:
 - their ability to succeed in their chosen course of study; and

¹ STAR and TOPS courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions and orientation, or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students do NOT count as enrolment in a tertiary institution for the purpose of this scholarship. Study in a programme designed to prepare you for entry into tertiary education (ie foundation skills or pre-health programme) also does NOT count as enrolment for the purpose of this scholarship

- that they are willing to undertake a field of study that is of benefit to the West Coast economy; and
- their willingness to work with Development West Coast to secure paid job experience throughout the academic summer break; and
- their willingness and agreement to work on the West Coast for the two years immediately following the completion of their qualification

4.2 Tenure and Value

The Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship shall be tenable for the duration of the undergraduate qualification that the student is enrolled in at the institution. This is a maximum of four years.

During the period of tenure of a Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship, the scholar must be studying on a full-time basis².

The value of the scholarship shall be the sum of NZ\$5,000.00 in year one, \$7,500.00 in year two and \$10,000.00 in year 3 and year four if required towards tuition fees. The Scholarship shall be paid by way of a credit to the Student at the conclusion of each academic year.

If a scholar withdraws from his or her programme before the completion of the first year course of study, the Scholarship shall be forfeited by the Student.

4.3 Selection

The award shall be made by a selection panel comprising:

- Chair of Development West Coast or nominated person; and
- CEO of Development West Coast or nominated person; and
- Economic Development Manager of Development West Coast or nominated person; and
- Vocational Coordinator of Development West Coast or nominated person.

Decisions of the selection panel are final.

Candidates may be asked to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

4.4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be considered when awarding the Scholarship:

- Evidence of connection to the West Coast.
- Evidence that the field of study selected adds value to the economic prosperity of the West Coast economy.
- Evidence that the student is prepared to undertake bonded paid employment during their study and at the completion of their qualification on the West Coast for a minimum of two-years following completion of their qualification.

If in the opinion of the Selection Committee there is no suitable applicant, they may decline to make an award.

4.5 Lodging Applications

Applications must be submitted on the prescribed online application form.

All necessary supporting documentation must be uploaded to the online application form with the exception of the Principal's reference which must be emailed by the school to:

scholarships@dwc.org.nz.

² Note: For the purposes of this regulation, the term 'full-time' shall be as defined in the Ministry of Education Student Loans regulations.