

# Freemasons University and Postgraduate Scholarships

<b>Code:</b>	82/83
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Final year of a Bachelors degree or Bachelors (Hons) degree, Graduate Diploma, PGDip, Masters degree or Doctorate degree in any subject.
<b>Closing date:</b>	1 October
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	20 University Scholarships and 8 Postgraduate Scholarships
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$10,000 for Postgraduate Scholarships and up to \$6,000 for University Scholarships

## Description

The Freemasons Scholarships are provided annually by Freemasons New Zealand and are administered by The Freemasons Charity. The Freemasons Scholarships are to assist able students who are active in their involvement in the community, to complete their university education in their chosen field.

Eight Postgraduate Scholarships of \$10,000 each and 20 University Scholarships of \$6,000 each will be offered to students attending universities at: Auckland, AUT, Waikato, Massey, Victoria, Canterbury, Lincoln, and Otago.

Successful scholars are expected to use their scholarship to defray expenses related to their attendance at University.

## Selection process

- A Selection Committee is appointed in each university district.
- The Committee invites short-listed candidates for an interview in February or March. If selected you must attend.
- The Committee will have regard not only to the academic ability of the candidates and to referees' reports, but also to their character and citizenship, and will look for evidence of involvement in the cultural and/or sporting life of the community or campus.

## Regulations

1. Applicants for the scholarships must: have a good academic record, be a New Zealand citizen or hold a Permanent New Zealand residency, demonstrate good citizenship, show leadership potential and have proven community commitment.
2. The Scholarships will be awarded without regard to gender, ethnic background, creed or age. Family association with Freemasonry is not a criterion for the award of a scholarship. However, Freemasons have a tradition of caring for their community and will assist those who contribute back to the community.
3. The Selection Committee will use the following information to assess an application; a certified copy of the applicant's university academic record; an academic reference of 150 words or more written by the applicant and endorsed by a

- relevant academic; a statement of community involvement of 150 words or more and endorsed by one or more referees; or an academic reference supplied by a current member of faculty forwarded (on the applicant's request) to the Scholarships Office at the University with a statement of community involvement.
4. The Committee undertakes to store the application in a secure place in the event that the applicant is successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award, and to destroy the application to preserve its confidentiality in the event that the applicant is unsuccessful in gaining an award.
  5. For any queries regarding eligibility or method of application, contact the Scholarships Office at the University of Auckland.
  6. Applicants are obliged to inform the Scholarship Officer of any change of address during the selection process.
  7. Applicants must advise of any intention to switch universities as soon as possible.
  8. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 October in the year preceding the award.

## Notes

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- I. Freemasons reserve the right to use the names, photographs and details of successful scholars for promotional purposes. All care will be taken in the use of such material but recipients must cooperate with all reasonable requirements of Freemasons New Zealand around publicity and promotion.*
- II. In addition, all scholars will be required to attend an award presentation in May.*
- III. The names and contact details of successful scholars will be added to an alumni database. Successful scholars will be asked to inform the Freemasons of subsequent changes to their contact details.*
- IV. The decision of the Committee shall be final. If, in the opinion of the Committee, no candidate satisfies the criteria for an award in any year, then no award shall be offered that year. In relation to the final decision made by the Committee, no correspondence will be entered into.*