

2019 Sir Robert Jones Scholarship Information

The Sir Robert Jones Scholarship assists young women from refugee backgrounds to complete a university degree or tertiary qualification from an approved tertiary institution. This philanthropic gift presents an opportunity for young women from refugee backgrounds who aspire to a tertiary qualification but who are denied the opportunity because of their family circumstances. Tuition fees will be paid in full through to degree attainment, subject to satisfactory examination results. Hostel accommodation will be paid for the first two years of study if the student attends a tertiary institution outside their home town.

First Year Students

Students who will be attending a tertiary institution for the first time in 2019 do not have to pay academic fees. The Robert Jones Scholarship will cover hostel fees in the first year for those who qualify. The scholarship will cover academic fees from the second year of study.

Selection Criteria

Young women from refugee backgrounds

- Aged 17 - 24 years
- Evidence of University Entrance or a qualification for admission to an approved tertiary course of study
- A strong academic record
- Financial and/or personal hardship. (Proof of economic circumstances may be required)
- Extracurricular involvement and achievements
- Personal characteristics

Application and Selection Process

Applications for the **2019** academic year open **May 1st, 2018**

Applications will close in **August 3rd, 2018**

Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by a panel made up of an academic, an educationalist, and representatives from Robt. Jones Holdings and Refugees as Survivors NZ

Interviews will be held in Auckland and Wellington in September

Referees will be contacted as required

Evidence of acceptance to an approved tertiary course of study will be required prior to the scholarship being granted.

Guidelines

RASNZ facilitates and administers the application and selection process in collaboration with RJH Holdings

The applicant must have University Entrance

The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. Any deferment will be at the discretion of the selection committee in conjunction with the tertiary institution of choice

The scholarship is for fulltime study

Annual renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the student maintaining a high academic standard during the tenure of the scholarship

The scholarship may not be deferred or suspended during the tenure, except under exceptional circumstances

Travel expenses for attending the interview will be paid if students must travel from out of town.

Application Process

The application form can be down loaded from the RASNZ website www.rasnz.co.nz or can be requested by contacting Kirsty Robson at kirsty@rasnz.co.nz

Required Documents

- Completed and typed front page of application form
- If you are still at school, please send your official NZQA academic records which include
 - NCEA summary page of Levels 1, 2 and 3 credits
 - Proof of university entrance or a letter from your school which indicates that you are on track to achieve university entrance before the end of the year. Please use the attached form.

- If you are at University, please send your official university transcript showing grades for all subjects taken to date.
- A cover letter which informs us about your family background and personal story; why you are applying for this scholarship and what you hope to do in the future
- Two written references - one **academic** reference and one **character** reference
- Proof of status that you or your family are from a refugee background

Forward the above information to kirsty@rasnz.co.nz

If you have any queries, please contact Kirsty by email or phone on 021 224 5440

