

Sir Robert Jones Refugee Daughters' Scholarship Information 2020/2021

The Sir Robert Jones Refugee Daughters' Scholarship assists young women from refugee backgrounds to complete a university degree or tertiary qualification from an approved tertiary institution. Tuition fees are paid for full-time study (only) through to degree attainment, subject to satisfactory progress being made each year towards completion of the degree. University hostel accommodation will be paid for two years if the student is required to attend a tertiary institution outside their hometown.

RASNZ facilitates and administers the application and selection process for Robert Jones Holdings (RJH) and their University Scholarship 50/50 partners from AUT, Waikato, Victoria and Otago universities. A limited number of scholarships are available each year.

Applications are first assessed according to the application criteria which are set by Robert Jones Holdings and their University partners.

Application Criteria

- female, aged 18 - 25 years who is a
- permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand
- daughter of a refugee-background family, or arrived in New Zealand as a refugee herself
- already studying at a New Zealand university or tertiary institution
- in financial and/or personal hardship
- has a strong academic record and the potential and motivation to succeed at university

Students who meet the criteria are invited to apply using the **Application Form** link on the RASNZ Scholarship web page at <https://rasnz.co.nz/scholarship/>

Applications for the 2021 academic year are now open

Applications close on **12th July 2020**

Applicants will be required to upload documents to the Application Form including:

- Proof of refugee-background status e.g. NZ immigration documents
- NCEA and University academic records
- A written academic reference
- A written character reference
- A copy of your Student Allowance payment
- A letter of application

Selection Process

- On receipt of the applications, the Scholarship Coordinator will check they are complete and contact applicants if any further information is required. Referees may be contacted.
- Completed applications will then be shared with a selection panel of people who have sound knowledge and experience of tertiary education, including people from refugee backgrounds. Panellists will read the applications and assist in selecting a shortlist of applicants for interview.
- Those who have been unsuccessful getting on to the shortlist will be advised.
- All applicants will know the status of their application by the end of September.
- Interviews for shortlisted applicants will be held in Wellington and Auckland in November. (Travel expenses are paid for out of town students.)
- The interview panel will consist of representatives of RASNZ, RJH and their University Scholarship partners.
- Following the interview process, scholarship places will be awarded at the discretion of the interview panel.
- Interviewees will be advised whether or not they have been successful in the week following the interviews.

Scholarship rules and regulations:

The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

The scholarship is for **full-time** study only.

Annual renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the student making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree in the specified time frame i.e. three to four years depending on the specific course of study.

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

For any information not covered here please contact the Scholarship Co-ordinator by email:

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