

Sir Robert Jones Refugee Daughters' Scholarship Information 2022

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 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 partners from AUT, Waikato, Victoria and Otago universities. Applications are first assessed according to the application criteria established 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
- arrived in New Zealand as a refugee
- is already enrolled in a degree course at a New Zealand university or tertiary institution
- is in financial and/or personal hardship
- has the potential and motivation to succeed at university

Students who meet the application criteria are invited to apply using the **Application Form** link on the RASNZ Scholarship web page, which will be available from 14 June-16 July 2021.

Applications for the 2022 academic year will open on **Monday 14 June 2021**

Applications will close on **Friday 16th July 2021**

Applicants will be required to complete an Application Form and upload documents including:

- Proof of refugee-background status and permanent resident status e.g. NZ immigration documents
- Academic transcript/records for 2019, 2020 and 2021
- A written academic reference (from university staff)
- A written character reference (from a respected person in the community)
- Proof of your eligibility for Student Allowance
- A personal letter of introduction applying for the scholarship

Selection Process

- The Scholarship Coordinator will contact applicants if further information is required. Referees may be contacted.
- Applications will be shared with a selection panel of people who have sound knowledge and experience of tertiary education, including people from refugee backgrounds. Panelists will assist in selecting a shortlist of applicants for interview
- Those not selected for interview will be advised
- All applicants will know the status of their application by the end of September
- Interviews will be held in Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin in September and October. (Travel expenses will be paid for out-of-town students.)
- The interview panel will consist of representatives of RASNZ, RJH and their University Scholarship partners
- Scholarship places will be awarded at the discretion of the interview panel.
- Interviewees will be advised of the outcome within ten days of interviews.
- The number of this full-fees scholarship is limited. Not all applicants who meet the criteria will be awarded a scholarship.

Scholarship rules and regulations:

The scholarship is for **full-time** study only, covering fees for the 2022 academic year onward. Annual renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the student making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree in the specified time frame, which is three to four years depending on the specific course of study. Post-graduate study may be supported on application.

For further information contact the Scholarship Co-ordinator by email:

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