

PETER WINDLE SCHOLARSHIP

(next offered for 2009, 2012, 2015)

The Peter Windle Scholarship was established in 2008 and is made available through the generosity of Mr Peter Windle. Recipients of the scholarships will be called the Peter Windle Scholars. The Scholarship will be offered every three years, with the inaugural scholar taking up his/her award in October 2009.

Purpose

The Peter Windle Scholarship provides an opportunity for South Island students who have already distinguished themselves academically to attend one of the most prestigious universities in the World. The Scholarship will provide funds to enable a student, from a school in the South Island of New Zealand, to undertake a first degree at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Value and Tenure

The Scholarship will be offered every third year, the committee calling for applications in 2008 for a scholarship beginning October 2009.

The Scholarship provides the tuition fees, a living allowance and a return economy airfare to England. There may be provision for an additional return airfare to New Zealand mid-way through the degree programme.

The Scholarship will normally be held for three years, provided that the scholar continues to make satisfactory progress with his or her studies. (Extensions of the award may be made if there is reasonable justification.)

The Scholarship is available for students of all courses of study excepting medicine.

The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other bursary or scholarship, provided that the rules of the other award allow this.

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

Candidates are expected to have researched the options for their chosen field of study and to have a definite choice of degree programme as part of their application. Candidates must refer to the Corpus Christi College website to check the minimum admission criteria related to their proposed course of study.

Eligibility

Candidates for the Scholarship must:

- be entered for the Year 13 senior school examination (for example, NCEA Level 3, Cambridge exams, etc) or equivalent senior school exam, at a South Island School, in the year of application;
- be over eighteen years of age on the first day of October in the year they would commence studies at Cambridge (the year following application);
- be New Zealand citizens or have New Zealand permanent resident status;
- be resident in the South Island at the time of applying and have completed at least two years of secondary schooling at a school in the South Island of New Zealand

In making the award, the Selection Committee shall have regard not only to the academic ability of the candidates as evidenced by their performance in the Year 13 senior school examination (NCEA Level 3 or equivalent) but also to other factors such as character, qualities of leadership, contribution

to cultural and/or sporting activities and intention to bring back benefits from the scholarship to New Zealand.

The Scholarship shall be awarded without restriction of gender, ethnic background or creed.

Applications

Applications, on the application forms provided by the NZVCC, must reach the Scholarships Manager at the NZVCC by 1 December in the year prior to that in which the award is to be taken up. Applications for the inaugural Scholarship must be received by 1 December 2008, thereafter every third year after that (i.e. 1 December 2011, 1 December 2014).

Every application shall be accompanied by:

- A statement outlining the applicant's general interests and activities.
- A statement limited to 250 words detailing reasons for wishing to study at Cambridge University and the proposed course of study. It is expected that applicants will have researched their chosen course of study and will have a firm idea of their degree programme.
- The names of three persons, other than the applicant's school principal (who will already be providing a reference), from whom references have been requested. Two reports should describe academic achievements, interests and abilities. At least one reference should be from a person of standing in the community not from the candidate's school, nor closely related to the applicant's family.
- A certified copy of birth certificate and proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- Signed NZVCC Privacy Form.
- Certified copies of academic records to date.

Year 13 Results: The NZVCC will obtain Year 13 exam results from NZQA. IB and Cambridge candidates must forward to NZVCC immediately a certified copy of their results by courier or fastpost as soon as they are received.

Selection

The Scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed at the discretion of the College.

In determining the suitability of an applicant, the Selection Committee shall have regard to the applicant's academic record and experience, ambassadorial qualities and the referees' reports. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the award in any year, then the award shall not be offered in that year.

Interviews will be held at a time and place to be confirmed each year.

Details of the selected candidate will be forwarded to Corpus Christi College for final approval for admission prior to awarding the Scholarship.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Reports

All holders of the Scholarship shall make regular reports on the progress of their studies to the NZVCC at such times as may be required and shall make a final detailed report to it at the conclusion of the Scholarship. The NZVCC shall send a copy of each report to each member of the Board of Selection. The NZVCC shall be at liberty to publish any of such reports or make such other use thereof as it may think fit.

Publicity

The successful candidate will agree to have his/her name published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

Suspension or Termination

The NZVCC may at any time suspend or terminate any Scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the Scholarship as the Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the approved programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded. The Scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme.

Concessions

The Selection Committee, may, if it thinks fit, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholar or applicant for a scholarship.

NOTE: All prospective applicants should ensure that they meet any 'essential subject' requirements stipulated for the Cambridge course for which they are applying. See the relevant course entry on the University website (www.cam.ac.uk). If selected, the College's usual entrance requirements are:

- **CIE A level:** 3 grade A's
- **National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA):** University Entrance Certificates with National Certificates in Educational Achievement Level 3 (80 credits) with a majority of Merits/Excellences in subjects to be studied at Higher Education level. In addition, achievement of New Zealand Scholarships in at least 2 of the most relevant subjects is highly desirable.
- **International Baccalaureate:** 40 points overall, including bonus points, and 7,7,6 in Higher Level subjects, including a 7 in the subject to be studied at Higher Education level.