

Southern Cross Partners Tertiary Scholarship Regulations

Southern Cross Partners offers ONE undergraduate tertiary scholarship to ONE Howick College domestic student in Year 13 who wish to pursue tertiary study but due to family financial positions may not otherwise be possible. The recipient will need to demonstrate academic achievement, community involvement and leadership potentials.

TENURE

- The Scholarship will be awarded to the recipient each year through to the completion of the Bachelor's degree (maximum of 4 years).
- Recipient will need to pass all papers and meet the eligibility requirements at the completion of each year for subsequent year of scholarship to be awarded.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- A scholarship of up to \$18,000 per year (totalling up to \$72,000 over a maximum of 4 years) to be provided by Southern Cross Partners to support full-time study in ANY undergraduate degree programme at a New Zealand tertiary institution.
- Mentorship opportunity may be available to the recipient upon recipient's request at the discretion of Southern Cross Partners.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

- The scholarship fund will be made directly to Howick College as a donation.
- Howick College will administer the scholarship and distribute the fund each year as direct payment of invoices to the tertiary institution for domestic tuition fees, compulsory student services fee, compulsory building levy fee, administration charges, additional paper fees and/or student accommodation. Other study related resource fees, such as textbooks, transport cost etc. (at the discretion of Southern Cross Partners or Howick College) will be made directly to the recipient's bank account conditional upon proof of purchase or receipts provided.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or permanent residents (i.e. domestic students).
- Applicants must be currently studying at Howick College and have a minimum Attendance Rate of 95%
- Applicants must provide family financial information (i.e. parents' proof of income or payslips are to be attached with the Scholarship Application Form when submitting).
- Conditional upon applicants being successful enrolled and accepted into an undergraduate degree programme in a New Zealand tertiary institution.
- Applicants will be asked to provide proof of acceptance prior to the start of their first semester.
- Applicants must enrol full-time (no less than 120pts per year).
- Applicants will be expected to demonstrate commitment with proven track record of academic achievements, and to provide study progress updates to Southern Cross Partners.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications will open in September/October of the year prior to commencement of their tertiary study.
- Applicants must complete a Scholarship Application Form with a one-page written statement outlining:

- The reasons for wishing to attend their chosen tertiary institution and discipline, the academic goals they hope to achieve, and any career aspirations they have.
 - Any relevant work experience, interests, and/or community involvement.
 - The reasons they believe they merit the scholarship.
 - Their achievements to date, which may include any leadership positions or responsibilities that the applicant has held within the school or in the community.
- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed above.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional upon the recipient gaining entry to a New Zealand tertiary institution in an undergraduate degree programme.
- The recipient will enrol in no less than 120pts each year during the tenure of the scholarship.
- Permission to study less than 120pts will only be given in exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the value of the scholarship will be pro-rata.
- The recipient may hold other scholarships.
- The recipient who takes up this scholarship but does not complete at least two semesters of study may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.

SELECTION PROCESS

- All scholarship applications will be carefully reviewed by one of the Howick College Deputy Principals, Director of Community Development, and the Senior Dean to shortlist 6 to 8 candidates.
- The candidates will then be interviewed by the Scholarship Selection Panel consists of the Howick College Principal (or Principal's Nominee), the Senior Dean and representative(s) from Southern Cross Partners. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Panel is final.
- Applicants will be notified of the selection outcome as soon as the decision has been made.
- The scholarship will be formally presented to the recipient at the Senior Honours.