

The Lissie Rathbone Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$2,000 per annum
Tenure	Three years
Number available annually	One ¹
Applicable programmes during tenure	For undergraduate degrees with a major in either English or History.
Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be under 19 years of age on the previous 1 December. • Applicants must have resided continuously in the territory of the Canterbury Regional Council² for at least the 12 months preceding the closing date for applications.

1. Purpose

The scholarship supports undergraduate students of English or History at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be under 19 years of age on the previous 1 December.

2.2 Applicants must have resided continuously in the territory of the Canterbury Regional Council² for at least the 12 months preceding the closing date for applications.

2.3 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification and must have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,³ in the year immediately prior).

3. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 15 August.

4. Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is available annually.

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Head of the Department of English (or nominee); and

- c. the Head of the Department of History (or nominee).

5. Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation(s), the selection committee considers achievement in Level 2 NCEA (or equivalent) in both English and History.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are awarded.

6. Conditions of acceptance

- 6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 6.2 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance.

7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$2,000 per annum.
- 7.2 In each year of tenure, the scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, as soon as practicable after:
 - a. the final date, in the first semester, on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;⁵ and
 - b. confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 8.2.

8. Tenability and retention criteria

- 8.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 8.2 The scholarship is tenable by students enrolled full-time or part-time at the University in a programme for degree with a major in either English or History.
- 8.3 The scholarship is tenable for three years.
- 8.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 8.5 In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from enrolment in a programme for a degree with a major in English and/or History at one of the four universities at which a Lissie Rathbone scholarship is available,⁶ the scholarship is withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.6 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress⁷ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

The scholarship was established in 1925 at Canterbury University College by the trustees of the estate of Lissie Rathbone, who had bequeathed one half of her residuary estate for such charitable, educational, or religious objects as the trustees should select. The trustees established similar scholarships at the other colleges of the University of New Zealand.

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Notes

¹ If, in any year, funds permit, additional scholarships may be available.

² For the territory of the Canterbury Regional Council see http://www.localcouncils.govt.nz/lqip.nsf/wpg_URL/Profiles-Councils-by-Region-Canterbury.

³ For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

⁴ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁵ For Key Course Dates see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>

⁶ Lissie Rathbone scholarships are available at the University of Otago, the University of Canterbury, Victoria University of Wellington, and the University of Auckland. The governing bodies of each of these universities shall be empowered to arrange for the transfer of any Lissie Rathbone scholar from one such university to another, and to make accordingly appropriate financial adjustments.

⁷ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic progress* with regard to multi-year scholarships see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.