

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$3,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	One
Applicable enrolment during tenure	First year of a programme for an undergraduate degree.
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand. Recipients must be registered with the university's Equity & Disability Service. ¹ Preference is given to applicants whose last year of secondary education was at a North Canterbury school. ²

1. Purpose

This scholarship supports undergraduate students at the University of Canterbury who have a disability.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand.

2.2 Applicants must have a disability that would qualify them to be registered with the University's Disability Resource Service.¹

2.3 Preference is given to applicants whose last year of secondary education was in North Canterbury.²

3. Selection process

3.1 One scholarship is available annually.

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

- the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- the Team Leader of the University's Equity & Disability Service (or nominee).

4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making the recommendation the selection committee gives equal weighting to:

- academic achievement; and
- the applicant's assessment of how the scholarship would benefit him or her.

Preference is given to applicants whose last year of secondary education was in North Canterbury.²

4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award is made.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 15 August.

6. Tenability

6.1 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

6.2 The scholarship is tenable by students enrolled, full-time or part-time, in a first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.

6.3 The scholarship is co-tenable with any award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship has a value of \$3,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

7.3 The payment is made as soon as practicable after:

- a. the recipient has accepted the scholarship;
- b. confirmation that the recipient is registered with the University's Equity & Disability Service (see clause 8.3);¹
- c. confirmation that the recipient's enrolment meets the conditions specified in clause 6.2; and
- d. the final dates on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course.⁴

8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application for the scholarship.

8.2 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.

8.3 The recipient must be registered with the University's Equity & Disability Service.¹

8.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment during tenure of the scholarship no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.5 By accepting the award, the recipient:

- a. permits publication and announcement of their acceptance; and
- b. agrees to provide a letter of thanks to the Rotary Club of Belfast–Kaiapoi.⁵

8.6 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

Belfast Rotary Disability Trust donated funds to the University in their 25th anniversary year to support students with disabilities. In 2017, the Rotary Club of Belfast–Kaiapoi's 50th anniversary year, the fund was worth \$83,000. The club established the scholarship in 2020, for awards to be made in perpetuity.

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¹ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/equity-disability/>

² For the purposes of this scholarship, *North Canterbury* is defined as the territory of Environment Canterbury that is north of the Waimakariri River, excluding that part comprising the territory of the Kaikoura District Council. See <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/nzs-local-government/new-zealands-councils/>.

³ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

⁴ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>

⁵ Letters of thanks to the Rotary Club of Belfast–Kaiapoi must be sent to the [Development Consultant \(Donor Relations\)](#), [University of Canterbury Foundation](#), for forwarding to the donor.