

ILT TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

ILT's Profile

We're a community-owned organisation that blends commercial success with a strong sense of purpose. With 23 businesses, 37 brands, and more than 650 passionate team members, we're proud to play a key role in Southland's hospitality and tourism industry.

Since our city first chose this model of social enterprise, we've returned over \$230 million back to our community through grants and donations. Each year, more than \$8 million is granted to over 300 organisations, supporting community groups, a growing arts culture, scholarships in tertiary education, arts and sport, and world-class community facilities.

Our publicly elected Board represents the many voices of our city and helps ensure funding has widespread community benefit. Community ownership is our uniqueness and our reason for being, it keeps people at the heart of every decision we make as we work towards our shared vision of a vibrant Invercargill, *mō tō tātou hāpori*, for our community.

Scholarship Rationale

ILT's desire is to provide our community the opportunity to undertake tertiary education, or equivalent learning, to assist them to be better prepared for their chosen career pathway. The scholarship promotes the opportunity for our people to reach their educational potential with the aim of creating Invercargill as a vibrant city.

Tenure of Scholarship

ILT, along with the ILT Foundation, offers scholarships to students leaving Secondary School and adults seeking second chance learning. The scholarship is for up to three consecutive years as determined by the Trustees. The Scholarship applies towards course, tuition and accommodation fees associated with the recipient's course of study.

Criteria

ILT's selection panel will take into account the following aspects of each applicant -

- ✓ Your application, interview and academic achievement
- ✓ Knowledge of your chosen field
- ✓ Personal aspirations and motivation to succeed
- ✓ Community involvement and interest
- ✓ Understanding ILT and its purpose

Eligibility

- ✓ Applicants must meet the residential criteria by being a New Zealand born citizen or have been granted permanent residence in New Zealand.
- ✓ They must also have permanently resided within the Invercargill rate paying boundary for at least two years prior to applying for this scholarship.
- ✓ The applicant must meet university entrance criteria or the relevant academic level for course acceptance.
- ✓ The applicant must undertake a fulltime *undergraduate* degree course or an equivalent 3 year level of study within the applicant's chosen field at an approved University or Tertiary Institute in New Zealand *or abroad*.

NB: Scholarships are not available to -

- ✓ *Students who live outside of ILT / ILT Foundation boundary but who temporarily board in Invercargill to undertake their secondary education.*
- ✓ *Students who have lived in Invercargill and are granted a scholarship then move out of Invercargill prior to the commencement of their Tertiary Education. (i.e. parent/guardian's residential address is no longer within ILT / ILT Foundation boundary).*
- ✓ *Students who move out of Invercargill during the course of their Tertiary Education. Scholarship assistance will cease at the end of the year. (i.e. parent/guardian's residential address is no longer within ILT / ILT Foundation boundary).*
- ✓ *Students who enrol in a course at a tertiary level where no tuition fees are charged.*
- ✓ *Students who are currently undertaking or have studied towards an undergraduate or postgraduate degree course (or equivalent).*

Conditions

On written acceptance of one of the ILT / ILT Foundation Scholarships, the successful applicant will agree to abide by the following conditions;

- ✓ The recipient must continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- ✓ Should for any reason a change in course study be undertaken ILT is to be notified in writing.
- ✓ The recipient must agree to make available to ILT results of all tests and examinations which count for the end of year results.
- ✓ The recipient shall submit written reports on their progress at the end of each semester or twice yearly where appropriate.
- ✓ The recipient must complete their course without interruption. Failure to pass in any year or if the course is not completed in accordance with the conditions whether in whole or part, the scholarship may be forfeited and the remaining scholarship funding cancelled. If a recipient elects to defer their studies, ILT must be notified immediately. A decision would then be made based on the circumstances relating to the deferment as to whether the scholarship would be placed on hold or forfeited. Should the recipient not resume their tertiary studies within a two-year period from the time of deferment their scholarship will automatically be forfeited.
- ✓ All publicity associated with the scholarship shall be determined by ILT and the recipient shall not make any announcement in respect of the award without permission from ILT.
- ✓ The recipient may be required to present or be part of a marketing/promotional presentation to School Leavers, Career Expo's or the community.
- ✓ The recipient must respect the philosophy behind the scholarship and act in the appropriate manner to avoid ILT's name being placed in disrepute.
- ✓ The recipient must supply a current passport size photo which may be used for future scholarship publicity and marketing.
- ✓ The recipient may be required to present a tertiary account number to allow payment of the scholarship to be direct credited into the recipient account.
- ✓ The recipient must advise ILT if their parent/guardian's residential address is no longer within the ILT area.

Obligations of the Recipient

ILT expects the recipients of an ILT Tertiary Education Scholarship to have a good understanding of ILT's history, philosophy and objectives and be able to speak to these.

Continuation of Scholarship

The continuation of the ILT / ILT Foundation scholarship for the second and third years will be at the discretion of ILT's selection committee and generally depends on the recipient's successful completion of the previous year's course.

At the completion of each year the recipient must submit -

- ✓ Confirmation that the recipients family/guardians residential address is still within the ILT area.
- ✓ An official copy of end of year examination results.
- ✓ Enrolment confirmation for the coming year by way of a fees receipt and/or course approval form.

Cancellation of Scholarship

ILT may cancel the scholarship should the recipient withdraw from the approved course of study, behave in such a manner that brings ILT's Scholarship programme into disrepute or fails to meet the conditions set down within this contract.

Should the recipient fail to meet the conditions set down within the contract ILT reserves the right to cancel the scholarship in respect of future years' study.

Application Procedure

Applications open Monday, 20 July 2026 and must be completed online (via the ILT website) no later than 5pm on **Friday, 14 August 2026.**

All eligible applicants will be invited to attend a 15 minute interview with ILT's selection panel. All interviews will be conducted over a two-week period commencing mid September at a venue to be advised.