



SIR ROBERT JONES SCHOLARSHIPS



Sir Robert Jones has established a scholarship fund to assist young women from refugee backgrounds to complete a university degree or tertiary qualification from an approved tertiary institution. This philanthropic gift presents an opportunity for young women from refugee backgrounds who aspire to a tertiary qualification, but who are denied the opportunity because of their family circumstances as refugees.

Tuition fees will be paid in full through to degree attainment, subject to satisfactory examination results. Hostel accommodation will be paid for the first two years of study if the student attends a tertiary institution outside their home town.

Selection Criteria

- Young women from refugee backgrounds
- Aged 17 - 24 years
- Evidence of University Entrance or a qualification for admission to an approved tertiary course of study
- A strong academic record over the last 3 years
- Financial and/or personal hardship. (Proof of economic circumstances may be required).
- Extracurricular involvement and achievements
- Personal characteristics - ability and commitment to succeed at tertiary level

Exclusion Criteria

- Some degree courses will not be considered including Commerce, MBA, Sociology

Application and Selection Process

- Applications open on May 23 2016
- Applications must be received by August 15 2016
- Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by a panel made up of an academic, an educationalist, representatives from RJH Holdings and Refugees As Survivors NZ (RASNZ)
- Interviews will be held in Auckland and Wellington in September
- Referees will be contacted as required
- Evidence of acceptance to an approved tertiary course of study will be required prior to the scholarship being granted

Guidelines

- RASNZ facilitates and administers the application and selection process in collaboration with RJH Holdings
- The applicant must have University Entrance
- The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. Any deferment will be at the discretion of the selection committee in conjunction with the tertiary institution of choice
- The scholarship is for fulltime study



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- Annual renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the student passing all papers during the tenure of the scholarship
- The scholarship may not be deferred or suspended during the tenure, except under exceptional circumstances
- Travel expenses for attending the interview will be paid if you have to travel from out of town

Submitting an Application

The application form can be down loaded from the RASNZ website www.rasnz.co.nz

You must include the following documents

- Your application form
- An official record indicating your most recent academic qualification
- Your academic record from Year 12 to the present
- A letter which informs us about your family background and personal story; why you are applying for this scholarship and what you hope to do in the future
- Contact details for two referees - one who can provide an academic reference and the other a character reference

Please forward the above information to

RASNZ PO Box 22-315 Otahuhu, Auckland 1640

If you have any queries please phone Diana at RASNZ on 021 838 370 or email diana@rasnz.co.nz

Deadline for applications: 15 August 2016