

The John Steele Memorial Music Entrance Scholarship

Established in 2024 from funds bequeathed to the University by Professor John Steele, a former long serving member of the Music Department known for his world-renowned research on early Western art music, this scholarship provides financial support to students to study undergraduate music at the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.

Application Process

Every applicant must submit an Entrance Scholarship application through the University's student management system (eVision) by 15 August in the year prior to enrolment. If no suitable applicant is found the due date of submission of applications may be extended.

Applications will be open to students who are normally eligible for the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Performance Scholarships. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants are advised to complete the Performance section in the Entrance Scholarship application and reference their achievements and works in the statements they provide.

Selection Process

The selection panel, consisting of the Head of the School of Performing Arts, the Manager of Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships, in consultation with staff from the School of Performing Arts, or their nominees, shall consider the following factors in awarding the scholarship:

- ♦ Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is normally required for consideration).
- ♦ Demonstratable ability in music (including performance, composition/song writing, music production, music studies)
- ♦ Potential and motivation to succeed at university.
- ♦ Intention to enrol into the Bachelor of Music programme.

Financial arrangements

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$5,000 with a one-year tenure.
- ♦ For those accepting a place in a Residential College, or University Flat, the scholarship will be paid as a contribution to accommodation fees.
- ♦ For those living in the local community (boarding, flatting, or living at home), it will normally comprise of a payment, firstly towards tuition and student services fees, if applicable, then as a monthly stipend or lump sum.

Scholarship terms and conditions

In addition to the standard Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions the following provisions apply:

- ♦ Recipients must be enrolled in a Bachelor of Music programme to receive this scholarship.
- ♦ This scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship at the discretion of the selection panel.