

DEVELOPMENT WEST COAST

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Regulations

1. BACKGROUND

Development West Coast (DWC) is the Economic Development Agency for the West Coast. Development West Coast launched the DWC Tertiary Scholarships in 2021. DWC grants four scholarships per year. They will be awarded to students who plan to embark on **full-time tertiary study, in-person, for the first time**. (Remote or distance-only study is not eligible.)

Scholarships may be held for the duration of an undergraduate degree programme (normally three to four years), provided the scholar achieves at least a B average each year and makes satisfactory progress in all respects.

Students are required to undertake a course of study that leads to employment within the West Coast.

Students must complete an online application form outlining their study and career plans.

Candidates will need to:

- Reside on the West Coast or be able to demonstrate a substantive connection to the West Coast;
- Be entering **full-time, in-person tertiary study for the first time**;
- Demonstrate a willingness to undertake paid work experience at a West Coast business in their annual academic break; and
- Demonstrate a willingness and commitment to return to the West Coast and be bonded for employment post-tertiary study for a minimum period of two years.

2. NAME

The award is known as the **Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship**.

3. PURPOSE

The Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship provides the sum of NZ\$5,000.00 in year one, \$7,500.00 in year two and \$10,000.00 in year three and year four if required towards tuition fees or other expenses for school leavers or mature students who wish to undertake **full-time, in-person study, for the first time** at a tertiary institution in New Zealand.

4. REGULATIONS

4.1 Eligibility

Applicants for the Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship:

- Must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who have resided on the West Coast, or have immediate relatives and a substantive home on the West Coast;
- Must meet the entrance criteria for their chosen programme of **full-time, in-person study**; and
- **Must not have attended full-time study** at any tertiary education institution in the past.

They must demonstrate:

- Their ability to succeed in their chosen course of study;
- That they are willing to undertake a field of study that is of benefit to the West Coast economy;
- Their willingness to work with Development West Coast to secure paid job experience throughout the academic summer break; and
- Their willingness and agreement to work on the West Coast for the two years immediately following the completion of their qualification.

4.2 Tenure and Value

The Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship shall be tenable for the duration of the undergraduate qualification that the student is enrolled in at the institution, up to a maximum of four years.

During the period of tenure of a Development West Coast Tertiary Scholarship, the scholar must be studying on a full-time, in-person basis.

The value of the scholarship shall be the sum of NZ\$5,000.00 in year one, \$7,500.00 in year two and \$10,000.00 in year three and year four if required towards tuition fees. The Scholarship shall be paid by way of a credit to the student at the conclusion of each academic year.

If a scholar withdraws from their programme before the completion of the first year, the Scholarship shall be forfeited. **In the case of forfeiture or withdrawal at any stage, the recipient must repay to DWC any scholarship funds already disbursed.**

4.3 Selection

The award shall be made by a selection panel comprising:

- Chair of Development West Coast or nominated person;
- CEO of Development West Coast or nominated person;
- Economic Development Manager of Development West Coast or nominated person;
- Vocational Coordinator of Development West Coast or nominated person.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

4.4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be considered when awarding the Scholarship:

- Evidence of connection to the West Coast.
- Evidence that the field of study selected adds value to the economic prosperity of the West Coast economy.
- Evidence that the student is prepared to undertake bonded paid employment during their study and at the completion of their qualification on the West Coast for a minimum of two years following completion of their qualification.

If in the opinion of the Selection Committee there is no suitable applicant, they may decline to make an award.

4.5 Lodging Applications

Applications must be submitted on the prescribed online application form.

All necessary supporting documentation must be uploaded to the online application form, with the exception of the character reference which must be emailed by the school to:

scholarships@dwc.org.nz