

# Russell And Phyllis Fairhall Scholarship Trust

## Terms & Conditions

1. The late Russell and Phyllis Fairhall of Blenheim established a Scholarship Fund, to assist local boys and girls who might not otherwise be able to afford an education after secondary school and particularly those who have an interest in studying farming subjects.
2. Candidates must be New Zealand citizens who are bona fide residents of Marlborough, but attendance at a secondary school beyond Marlborough shall not necessarily disqualify a candidate if the Trustees consider that the candidate is, in other respects, a bona fide Marlborough resident.
3. Preference will be given to those who might otherwise not be able to afford education after secondary school. Scholarships are open to any intending or registered full time student at any tertiary institution in New Zealand or other post-secondary school industry based courses relating to the rural sector. There is no specified age limit. A Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships.
4. The Scholarships will be awarded by the Trustees of the Scholarship Fund. The Trustees may consider the following:
  - (a) A recommendation may be considered from the Marlborough Branch of Federated Farmers. Where the trustees consider it desirable to do so, they may consult such other persons as they think fit before making their decision.
  - (b) The financial need of applicants. All other things being equal the Trustees will give greater weight to financial need than to academic ability.
  - (c) The likelihood of an applicant achieving a tertiary qualification, or completing rural sector industry based courses.
5. Applicants should apply by email to Keely King, Gascoigne Wicks Lawyers at [kking@gwlaw.co.nz](mailto:kking@gwlaw.co.nz) by **4 December 2026**.
6. There is no prescribed application form but each application should be accompanied by the candidate's academic record and Curriculum Vitae, a statement of intended study, proof of financial need, a letter from his/her principal (or principal's nominee) supporting the application if the candidate is a school leaver, and names, phone number and email address of two referees.
7. Awards are normally announced no later than the end of February 2027.
8. Presently a Scholarship may be offered for tertiary education of \$7,500.00 payable over a three year period at the amount of \$1,500 for the first year and \$3,000.00 each subsequent year. The amount may be altered by the Trustees at their discretion. For rural sector industry-based courses, the Trustees may award one lump sum payment as determined by the Trustees. The actual annual value will be determined by the Trustees having regard to the Scholarship funds available and to the circumstances of each candidate. The Trustees envisage awarding several Scholarships each year. The Trustees reserve the right to make no awards.

9. Depending on the type of course the applicant is attending, the period of tenure is one year, but a person who is awarded a Scholarship may be granted the Scholarship again for a second year and subsequently for a third year provided they give evidence that they have attended the course, made satisfactory progress and that they intend to continue to do so for the subsequent annual period of the three years covered by the award. No person may receive a Scholarship payment for more than three years.
10. Unless otherwise advised, the Trustees will assume that first year Scholars and second year Scholars wish their scholarships to continue for the next year. Such Scholars should provide the Trustees with evidence of their continuing attendance at a tertiary education.
11. The Trustees will arrange for payment of each Scholarship either in a lump sum or by instalments. At the discretion of the Trustees, payments may be made in any of these ways:
  - (a) To any tertiary institution which the Scholar attends or proposes to attend; or
  - (b) To the parents or parent or guardians or guardian of any Scholar; or
  - (c) To the Scholar.
12. A receipt of the person or persons to whom the Trustees make any payment will be a good and sufficient discharge to the Trustees for all moneys paid. The Trustees are not required to see to the application of the moneys.
13. The award of a Scholarship will be void unless the Scholar, within four weeks of receipt of official advice of the award, completes and forwards to Keely King, Gascoigne Wicks Lawyers at [kking@gwlaw.co.nz](mailto:kking@gwlaw.co.nz) (as solicitors to the Scholarship Trustees) a certificate that states:
  - (a) The Scholar's acceptance of the Scholarship; and
  - (b) The Scholar's intention of pursuing the course of intended study set out in his/her application.
14. Address all correspondence and other communications for the Trustees to C/- Keely King at [kking@gwlaw.co.nz](mailto:kking@gwlaw.co.nz).
15. These conditions are for the guidance of applicants. The Trustees reserve the right to amend them at any time either generally or in any particular instance. Decisions of the Trustees are not open to appeal or question and the Trustees do not have to give reasons for any of their decisions.