



Community Sponsored Scholarships

Information for 2020 Otago Polytechnic Pasifika Students

PURPOSE

The purpose of these scholarships is to assist Pasifika students studying at Otago Polytechnic who show ability and character to succeed in their field of study.

All scholarships will be paid into student loan accounts to go towards tuition fees or accommodation costs at Te Pā Tauira (Otago Polytechnic's student village) if the recipient is eligible for first year free fees. If the recipient does not have a student loan, the scholarship will be paid to the tuition fee payer (recipient, employer, or family member) as applicable.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The scholarships are open to students studying at Otago Polytechnic in 2020 who:

- identify as Pasifika (i.e. of Pacific Island ethnic origin); and
- are permanent residents or citizens of New Zealand; and
- are not in receipt of any other study scholarship/s; and
- are enrolled in a current year Otago Polytechnic programme* of at least 0.5 EFTS (i.e. at least half a full-time programme*); and
- do not have any outstanding debt to Otago Polytechnic.

**Excludes Otago Polytechnic Short Courses, CapableNZ, Kōkiri Training Centre and Te Taketake programmes*

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection will be based on the assessed ability of the student to meet the following:

- potential to complete their study
- success in previous study
- planning for the future

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

1. References

Applicants are required to fill out the application form and include **at least TWO recent written references** from people who can comment on their personal qualities, skills and experience in areas such as:

- academic ability
- paid or unpaid work
- community involvement

Examples of suitable referees include:

- **teacher or lecturer:** (NB: Nimo Elisara-Too and Litea Ikahihifo are unable to be referees as they are members of the selection panel)
- **community leader/worker:** (e.g. from a church or ethnic group)
- **employer or supervisor:** a person in a position of responsibility who has been involved with the student in a work situation (unpaid or voluntary work/vacation or part-time work/full-time paid employment).

Note: Members of the applicant's family are not permitted to be referees.

2. Academic Records/Results

Copies of academic records/results must also be included with the application form.

3. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please attach a current curriculum vitae. Do not attach originals as they will not be returned.

4. Student fees

How were your fees paid?

- StudyLink
- Personal
- Employer
- Otago Polytechnic Scholarship

If you have any outstanding debt (this includes Robertson Library fees), please pay this at Customer Services.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed application forms must be received by Customer Services **no later than 4.30pm, Friday 9 October 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Please either post or email your application to:

Nimo Elisara-Too

Facilitator-Pasifika Development

Otago Polytechnic, Private Bag 1910, Dunedin 9054

DDI: **03 972 7036**

Mobile: **021 735 479**

Freephone: **0800 762 786**

Email: **customerservices@op.ac.nz**

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is based on the written applications. The selection panel comprises Otago Polytechnic's Director Learner Services, Facilitator-Pasifika Development, Pacific Student Advisor, and an additional Internal Pasifika Advisory representative.

The selection panel reserves the right to interview applicants. Interviews will only be arranged if the number of applicants far exceeds the amount of funding available to award meaningful amounts as scholarships.

If interviews are required, the selection panel will draw up the short-list of applicants to be interviewed. These will be held early October 2020 and applicants will be notified by mail. Applicants may bring up to two support people to the interview if desired. Due to time and other factors, one person only may speak in support of the applicant (if required).



Scholarship winners will be notified on 23 October 2020 of the process to follow.



APPLICATION FORM

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for 2020 Otago Polytechnic Pasifika Students

APPLICATION FORM (to be completed by Applicant) **Please print clearly.**

1. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Otago Polytechnic Student ID number: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____

Preferred First Name: _____

Gender: Female / Male / other (*circle one*)

Email: _____

Permanent Address:

Study Address (*if different from above*):

Telephone: Home: _____ Business: _____ Mobile: _____

ETHNIC ORIGIN: To which Pasifika indigenous group/s do you belong?

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Niuean | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Island Māori
Fijian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tokelauan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>) _____ | | |

2. OTAGO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME AND YEAR OF STUDY

Programme: _____

Year of Study: _____

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

Please attach a copy of your current curriculum vitae (CV)

4. COVER LETTER

Please include a letter of up to 300 words, written by you, stating the reasons you are applying for this scholarship. This may include but is not limited to: your involvement with your community, and/or any other community (this could be a sports team, a church or your neighbourhood). Please also include your career aspirations, how you and/or your family would benefit from receiving this scholarship, information on your proposed programme of study at Otago Polytechnic and how your chosen course of study is likely to benefit your wider family and the Pasifika community.

5. HOW WERE YOUR FEES PAID FOR 2019?

6. FURTHER STUDY PLANS

7. MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Otago Polytechnic reserves the right to use photographs of the event for promotional purposes and may also publish the names of the recipients on our website. Please sign and return the attached Media Consent form if you agree to this.

8. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided by me on this form is complete and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Please check that you have included:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Two current written references | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Copies of academic records/results | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cover letter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Curriculum Vitae | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Media Consent Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |