



Leadership Scholarships - Guidelines

Introduction

The Wilberforce Foundation is a Christian charitable trust that seeks, amongst other things, to develop Christian leaders in order to strengthen New Zealand's leadership base in future decades. We are committed to equipping Christian leaders to lead confidently, faithfully and graciously in uncertain times.

The Wilberforce scholarship committee grants scholarships to students who show leadership potential in the Christian sphere. We have two application rounds, in April and October, and rely on a group of nominators who can help us to identify candidates who show leadership potential.

About the scholarships

Scholarships are granted for a 12-month period.

There are four scholarship streams:

Emerging Leader Scholarship: \$3,000 scholarship for undergraduate study or leadership training (including tertiary study at university or another tertiary institution, or other leadership training)

Emerged/Charity Leader Scholarship: \$6,000 for postgraduate study or leadership/governance training.

Arrow Pastoral Leadership Scholarship: \$4,000 scholarship towards fees for the Arrow Leadership programme.

Arrow Charity Leadership Scholarship: \$1,000 scholarship towards fees for the Arrow Leadership programme.

Applicant guidelines

1. If engaged in study, applicants will be at least in their second year of tertiary study, showing that they have a proven academic track record. We also consider those in other activities, e.g. youth or community work. Applicants for master's degree study should already have their university application accepted before applying for a Wilberforce scholarship.
2. An applicant will be a recognised leader in their church or community, with at least 2 years' leadership track record. The applicant's referees should be able to testify to this.
3. The applicant will be a NZ citizen or permanent resident, committed to a course of study within NZ. The scholarship committee does not consider applications from overseas students.

4. The applicant will use the scholarship money for the item(s) outlined in their application. The Wilberforce Foundation prefers to pay into the account of the academic institution where the student is studying, or towards their student loan. The scholarship cannot be used for retrospective study or travel costs.
5. If granted a scholarship, the applicant will:
 - make themselves available for an introductory meeting (either face-to-face or via Zoom) with the scholarship committee,
 - be willing to be invited to other Wilberforce community events
 - stay in touch with the committee.
6. Commit to 4- 6 sessions with a Wilberforce-appointed leadership coach during the scholarship period. These coaching sessions are resourced by Wilberforce and will be confidential but the coach will complete a short report at the end of the scholarship period.
7. Inform the Wilberforce scholarship committee if their study or coaching circumstances change during the scholarship period.

The scholarship committee gives preference to priority learners: Maori, Pasifika, women, those who experience financial hardship or with special education needs.

Governance training

The Wilberforce Foundation is also passionate about training and developing good governance, and so will, from time to time, offer scholars the opportunity to join a governance development programme. This is a voluntary opportunity, and applicants are not obligated to take up this offer.

Any anomalies to these guidelines will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Wilberforce Scholarship Committee.