

NEW REGULATIONS FOR 2013 APPLICATIONS

VICTORIA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



INFORMATION

The purpose of the Victoria Excellence Scholarship (“the Scholarship”) is to recruit high-achieving undergraduate students to Victoria University of Wellington and to support them in their studies. In supporting academically-able school leavers to study at Victoria, the University recognises them as New Zealand’s scholars of the future. These scholarships will be offered to the top school-leaver applicants enrolling in any of Victoria University’s Bachelor degree programmes.

The majority of these scholarships will be awarded at \$5,000, with a small number being awarded at \$10,000 for the first year of study.

REGULATIONS

1. A completed application must be received by 1 October 2012 for study in 2013. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. The holding of the Scholarship will be conditional upon a recipient being fully enrolled in a full-year programme of at least 120 points by the start of Trimester 1, 2013.
3. The Scholarship cannot be deferred to a later year.
4. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents. International fee-paying students are also eligible to apply for the Scholarship if they have completed at least one full year at a New Zealand secondary school by the time of application.
5. Applicants must provide their NSN, or other candidate number and centre number for their qualification type.
6. Applicants with an NCEA Level 2 or 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence can be awarded a scholarship. Some conditions apply—see regulations 9 and 10. Excellence credits must be obtained in Year 11 or 12; credits gained in Year 13 cannot be included.
7. Applicants with an equivalent level of achievement in an alternative qualification will also be considered. Examples of alternative qualifications considered are: International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), or Rudolph Steiner qualifications.
8. Applicants with CIE will need 230 points on the UCAS tariff from Years 11 or 12 to be awarded a scholarship. Some conditions apply—see regulations 9 and 10. 9. School subjects, and achievement in those subjects, will need to have some relevance to the programme of study the applicant intends to take at Victoria (for those students applying for the Scholarship with NCEA or CIE).
9. Offers of the Scholarship to NCEA and CIE candidates will be conditional upon the recipient gaining an endorsement for their NCEA Level 3 Certificate or, for CIE, at least 300 points on the UCAS tariff. Recipients must also gain University Entrance and admission to their programme of study.
10. Applicants with IB who expect to achieve a score of 37 or greater for the IB diploma are invited to apply and will be given a conditional offer until their results are released to us. Recipients will need to have the diploma awarded with a score of 37 or greater to have the Scholarship confirmed. Recipients must also gain University Entrance and admission to their programme of study.
11. Applicants who wish to enrol at Victoria in 2013 directly from Year 12 may apply for the Scholarship, but we will hold their application until their results are released to us in January. They will need to achieve at the level noted in regulations 6–11, or in some instances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Applicants will also need to gain admission through Discretionary Entrance.
12. Applicants who go on an official student school exchange for a minimum of six months instead of completing Year 13 may apply for the Scholarship. Applicants will also need to gain admission through Discretionary Entrance.
13. Applicants who have taken a gap year after completing Year 13 may apply for the Scholarship. They will need to have both their Level 2 and Level 3 NCEA certificates endorsed with Excellence (or equivalent), and will apply in the year prior to starting study at Victoria.
14. Offers for the \$5,000 Scholarship will be made within two weeks of receipt of an eligible application, up to 1 October 2012.
15. An additional \$5,000 will be awarded to the top 20 recipients based on Year 12 results after 1 October 2012. IB recipients will be considered once their results are released to us.
16. The Scholarship (both for \$10,000 and \$5,000) is for one year and will be credited to tuition fees or Victoria Halls of Residence costs.
17. A number of \$5,000 scholarships will be offered for the second and third year of study at Victoria, based on academic performance at Victoria in the previous year.
18. All recipients of the Scholarship are guaranteed an offer of a place in one of our Halls of Residence, provided an accommodation application is received by the Accommodation Service by 1 October 2012.
19. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other awards, with the exceptions of the Victoria Achiever Scholarship, the Robert Bostock Scholarship, Victoria Sports Scholarships or any other fees scholarship.
20. Should the recipient withdraw from Victoria during the first year or fail to achieve a satisfactory number of points during the first trimester, the Deciding Authority reserves the right to request partial repayment of the Scholarship.
21. At the discretion of the Deciding Authority, the application of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship may be modified in special circumstances or to avoid hardship to any candidate for the Scholarship.