

YVONNE A M SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST

POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

*The Trust which funds the scholarship was established by the late Mrs Yvonne A M Smith for the advancement of the education of women graduates who wish to undertake Masters or Doctoral studies **with preference being given to the subject areas of political studies, economics, business or law.***

Preference will also be given to applicants who demonstrate potential for leadership and potential to make a significant contribution to New Zealand.

REGULATIONS

1. The applicant must be either a New Zealand citizen or permanently resident in New Zealand. The tertiary institution to be studied at may be situated overseas.
2. The applicant should demonstrate the likelihood that the qualification being sought will be of benefit to New Zealand.
3. It is to be acknowledged that the Yvonne A M Smith Charitable Trust ("Trust") collects personal information about the applicant to evaluate the application for the scholarship. The recipient of the information is the Trust and the information will be held by the Trust. Failure to provide the necessary information by the date stated in the application form may result in an application for the scholarship being declined. Each applicant has the right of access to, and correction of, the information held in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020. The applicant agrees that her photograph and the content of her application may be used as promotional material for the Trust.
4. Usually one scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is enrolled in a course of full time study for a Masters or Doctorate degree.
5. The scholarship shall be for one year, unless the trustee, for any reason which it deems sufficient, determines that the scholarship shall be for such shorter or longer period as it may specify.
6. The period of tenure of the scholarship shall commence on the date stipulated by the trustee but normally on the date on which the successful applicant begins her full time programme of study.
7. The amount of the scholarship is up to \$70,000, adjusted as the trustee thinks fit to take account of inflation, the nature of the course of study to be undertaken, the attainment of other monetary awards and such other factors as the trustee considers relevant to the particular scholarship. The successful applicant is required to keep the trustee informed of the progress of any other scholarship applications and the details of any other grants awarded. The amount of the scholarship will be varied if the total funding exceeds the estimated cost of study.

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8. Payment of the scholarship shall be made at such time and in such manner as shall be determined by the trustee. At least 25% of the scholarship will be paid at the beginning of the academic year upon receipt of confirmation of enrolment and details of full funding. The balance will be paid by way of periodic payments over the duration of the programme of study.
9. The scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it.
10. The successful applicant will be required to forward a minimum of two reports to the trustee from the date of commencement of the programme of study, setting out the applicant's progress to date and evidencing the applicant's continuation of the contemplated programme.
11. The successful applicant will be required to keep her details current with the Trust as part of the scholarship alumnae.
12. The trustee may, at its discretion, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholar or candidate for a scholarship.
13. A short list of applicants will be selected for an interview. Applicants must be available for an interview during February or March. Short listed applicants are expected to make their own way to Auckland for an interview but a domestic airfare for travel from an applicant's usual place of residence or study in New Zealand south of Taupo will be refunded by the Trust on production of a valid receipt.
14. The trustee is under no obligation to make an award if in any year there is no candidate in the trustee's opinion of sufficient merit.
15. The trustee reserves the right to at any time rescind, vary or add to these regulations.
16. Applications must be completed on the prescribed application form and submitted to the trustee:

This application **must** be received by the trustee either by courier, email or hardcopy by **4.00pm** on Friday 15 January 2027 and should be submitted to:

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NOTES BY TRUSTEE TO ASSIST APPLICANTS

1. Applicants should take note of the requirements for the Scholarship set out in regulations. In particular:
 - (a) Applicants should wish to embark on Masters or Doctoral studies, either in New Zealand or overseas.
 - (b) Preference is given to the subject areas of **Political Studies, Economics, Business or Law**.
 - (c) Preference will also be given to applicants who demonstrate potential for leadership as well as potential to make a significant contribution to New Zealand.
2. Referees should be made aware of the particular requirements for the granting of the Scholarship as listed above so that any reference is tailored to those requirements. This may not be the case in respect of a reference in generic form.
3. Applicants should not rely on a photograph in a passport – aimed at evidencing residency – to comply with the request for a separate photograph.
4. The deadline for receipt of applications will be notified each year. Additional time may be given on request for the receipt of a reference or examination results.
5. The Applicant's personal statement **must be restricted to 350 words**.
6. The scholarship is administered by Yvonne A M Smith Charitable Trust Limited. The directors of the company are currently Bill Duncan and Dr Barbara Cormack.