



Empowering Women through Education

REBECCA L LYNCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Rebecca L Lynch Memorial Scholarship is an opportunity to study abroad at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho USA. This one-year scholarship, from January to December, covers non-resident tuition fees, registration fees, and room and board costs. The scholarship does not include airfare to and from Moscow, Idaho or costs over and above the amount awarded in the scholarship.

The scholarship is available to an unmarried female under the age of 24 years who has New Zealand citizenship or is a permanent resident. The applicant must be enrolled in her first or second year of university study and still be an undergraduate at the time of taking up the scholarship.

Background

Rebecca (Becky) L Lynch was born 9 April 1960 in Virginia, USA. She and her family moved to Christchurch, New Zealand in 1964. Maurice (Mo), her father, was a US Marine Corps pilot and part of Operation Deep Freeze in the Antarctic supporting the US National Science Foundation.

After Mo retired from the military, the family moved to Nairobi, Kenya in 1969, where Mo was a pilot with East African Airways. It was there the Lynch family changed forever. Becky died in a traffic car accident in 1970.

Heavy-hearted, the Lynches decided to change their careers and returned to Moscow, Idaho in 1971 to attend graduate school while their remaining three children (Lisa, Chris and Tim) were undergraduate students. They befriended several foreign exchange students and acted as their family away-from-home. Through this experience, the Lynches were shown the benefits of studying abroad.

Rebecca spent the best years of her short life in New Zealand, and it seemed fitting to give Kiwi girls an American opportunity—and therein began the Rebecca L Lynch Memorial Scholarship.

In 1983 the first scholarship was awarded. By 2020, 45 young Kiwi women have been given the opportunity to study at the U of I through the Rebecca L Lynch Memorial Scholarship.

In 2016 Mo and Alice were made Honorary Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education, providing financial support to young women to study in the USA.

d) List any community service in which you have participated and your role. <i>This box will expand as you type.</i>
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4 Sports, Hobbies and Interests

a) Do you participate regularly in sport? Please list relevant information. <i>This box will expand as required, as you type.</i>
b) What are your hobbies and interests? <i>This box will expand as you type.</i>

5 Additional Information

a) On a separate sheet, compose a statement (300 words or less) explaining why you would like to attend the University of Idaho. State what you can contribute and what you hope to gain from your attendance there.
b) Attach a recent photograph to your application.
c) Attach a recent health certificate of general fitness, signed by your doctor, indicating that you are healthy both physically and mentally and able to undertake a year of academic study overseas. List any medications or previous health issues. Blood tests and copies of vaccinations are not required.

6 Two Referees

Please ask two referees (one relating to your academic achievement and the other to your character) to write you a reference. The referees should not be family members but people who are familiar with your education and character. When you ask a referee to write you a reference, please ask him/her to bear in mind the basic requirements of the scholarship:

“The successful applicant should possess the ability to profit academically, culturally and socially from a stay at the University of Idaho, as evidenced by a superior scholastic record and good character.”

The referees should sign their names, add their title, address, telephone number and date the document.

Your referees should mail their references directly to the Scholarship Selection Committee separately by August 31.

Lisa Lynch
RLL Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee
64 Renwick Place
Nelson 7010
llynchtheboss@gmail.com

7 Parent/Guardian Authorization

Please print the information in this section (*No 7, Parent/Guardian Authorization*) and have your parent or guardian complete and sign it.

I certify that my daughter's age on 31 August will be ____ years ____ months.

This application has been forwarded with my full knowledge and approval.

My daughter is a New Zealand Citizen or permanent resident.

I understand that, should a scholarship be awarded, it will entail a one-year absence overseas at the University of Idaho, USA.

I am fully prepared to be responsible for any costs over and above the amount awarded in the scholarship including:

- A) Airfare to and from Moscow, Idaho.
- B) University of Idaho student health Insurance (approximately \$3000NZD for the two semesters).
- C) Student Visa F-1 (approximately \$300NZD).

Parents or guardians should appreciate that any last-minute refusal to proceed with this scholarship would cause much inconvenience and are therefore asked to consider all aspects carefully before signing this authorisation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Phone: _____

Please note: Should you be of age and have your own financial resources, please state details on a separate sheet, in which case you do not need Parent Authorization.

8 Instructions for submitting your application

Please mail or email your application to:

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Check-off list:

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| 1 Scholarship application | 5 Photograph |
| 2 Birth certificate | 6 Health certificate |
| 3 University transcripts | 7 Two referees (sent separately by referees) |
| 4 Statement explaining why you would like to attend the U of I | 8 Parent/guardian authorization |

Deadline for Scholarship is 31 August