



Chris Burks Memorial Bursary at the University of Otago

Christopher George Burks (1973-1999) was a student at Carrington College from 1992 until 1996. Chris was Vice President of the Students' Association from 1993 to 1995 and President in 1996. He graduated from the University of Otago in 1996 with a BSc in Information Science and in 1997 with a BA in Psychology.

Throughout his time at Carrington College Chris put himself second. His commitment first and foremost was to the College and all other residents. This generous spirit earned him the respect of both staff and students who came to realise his motives and actions were unselfish and always for the good of the Carrington community.

Carrington College and the University of Otago are pleased to be able to offer this award to assist students with their academic progress at the University of Otago.

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- be enrolled full-time in a first undergraduate degree at the University of Otago;
- be under 25 years of age on 01 February in the intended year of tenure;
- have resided at Carrington College for at least two semesters prior to the intended year of tenure;
- have made an exceptional contribution to the welfare of other students at Carrington College; and
- plan to reside at Carrington College throughout the intended year of tenure.

Application Process

The applicant must submit:

- An application form, including the names of two nominated referees.
- A statement (max 500 words), written by the applicant, outlining the qualities and extra-curricular activities, interests and achievements making them a worthy recipient of the bursary.

Application documents must be sent to Student Administration (Scholarships) no later than 20 February in the intended year of tenure.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the Warden of Carrington College, the Warden of Arana College, and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards (or their nominees).

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the recipient:

- the nature and extent of the applicant's contribution to Carrington students' welfare;
- the applicant's academic and leadership qualities; and
- the applicant's personality.

Candidates may be required to present for a pre-selection interview.

Financial

- The bursary has a value of \$3,000.

Tenure

- The bursary may be held for one year only. The Selection Panel may, in exceptional circumstances, consider an extension of the award to more than one year provided that the scholar continues to be resident at Carrington College and makes satisfactory progress in all respects. This progress must include passing a minimum of 108 points each year unless there are mitigating factors that the Selection Panel may consider.
- Each bursary must be taken up in the year in which it is awarded.
- The Chris Burks Memorial Bursary may be held concurrently with another award, with the approval of the Selection Panel.

Requirements

The scholarship holder must:

- Agree to participate in the University of Otago mentoring programme.
- Agree to act as a role model for their College community during the tenure of the bursary.
- Submit a report on the progress of their studies to Student Administration (Scholarships) by 01 December of the year they hold the bursary.

Publicity

Carrington College and the University of Otago reserve the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The bursary holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by Carrington College or the University of Otago.