



Six60 Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the University of Otago and the band Six60, the Six60 Scholarship offers students with an interest in music and performing arts, a rent rebate to flat at 660 Castle Street, the iconic home of Six60, a popular flat with students and a tourist attraction for fans of the band. 660 Castle Street, Dunedin North, Dunedin is owned by members of the band Six60 and leased to the University of Otago for student accommodation. In addition, the scholarship provides recipients with access to a University of Otago recording studio and interaction and mentoring opportunities from the members of Six60.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- ♦ be studying or intending to study at the University of Otago in the second or third year of an undergraduate degree in music or performing arts, or
- ♦ be studying related subjects such commercial law (and management) with an interest in entering the music industry, or
- ♦ have an existing track record in creating and recording music or in music production; and
- ♦ have achieved academic progress in their area of study with a minimum level of B minus average for completed papers (4.0 GPA).

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago by the specified closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- ♦ a completed application form;
- ♦ a copy of their academic transcript, if not an Otago student at the time of application; and
- ♦ a written statement of no more than 500 words on what the scholarship and the opportunity to live at 660 Castle Street means to them, including comment on their background and aspirations in music or the performing arts; and
- ♦ a sample of their creative or production abilities, where relevant.

Selection Process

- ♦ The selection panel will comprise the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, External Engagement, the Head of the School of Performing Arts, the Director, Development and Alumni, or their nominees, a nominee of the Head of the School of Performing Arts with expertise in contemporary music or music production, and a representative from the band Six60.

The following factor shall be considered in selecting the scholarship:

- ♦ background, activities and aspirations related to music and the performing arts; and

- ♦ academic merit.

The panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for the scholarship.

Financial Benefits

- ♦ Recipients will receive a rent rebate to the value of \$10,000 for tenancy at 660 Castle Street.
- ♦ Four scholarships will be available each year.

Additional Benefits

- ♦ The University of Otago will provide each scholarship recipient access to the recording studio in the Performing Arts Building, at times and for purposes as agreed with the University.
- ♦ Six60 will provide each scholarship recipient opportunities to interact with the band members and receive mentoring and guidance.

Tenure

- ♦ The Scholarship is for one year of study and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.
- ♦ The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- ♦ Recipients will be required to sign an accommodation contract and pay any rent balance not covered by the Scholarship.
- ♦ The University of Otago and Six60 reserve the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.