



The Margaret Oakley Prize

This prize was established in 2015 by family and friends of the late Margaret Elizabeth Oakley (nee Baker) born 1946. Margaret worked as a home midwife in Norwich before moving to New Zealand with her husband Rod in 1973 and it was here that she developed her enthusiasm for kayaking in the lakes, rivers and the sea. Margaret was not only interested in paddling for the enjoyment and thrills, but she also put much energy into encouraging youths to take up paddling and also to conserve the pristine lakes and rivers of Otago and Southland.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to students who are:

- Currently studying towards a Bachelor of Laws degree (in second year or above) degree OR a postgraduate qualification in Law and who demonstrates a passion towards environmental protection

Selection Process

- Potential recipients of the prize will submit a written document, no more than 500 words, addressing how their research or other commitments contribute positively to environmental protection, with particular focus on water conservation. Applicants will also address how they intend to use the prize money.
- The selection panel shall consist of a representative(s) from the Faculty of Law, who has particular expertise in environmental issues and a nominee(s) from the family of Margaret Oakley.
- If no students meet the suitability criteria, then no award will be made for that year.

Financial

- ♦ The prize shall consist of a single payment of a minimum amount of \$500 or whatever sum above this depending on available funds.

Tenure

- ♦ The prize is awarded annually by the University Council on the recommendation of the selection panel subject to suitable recipients being nominated.