



Elman & Alfred Poole Southland Boys' High School & Southland Girls' High School Science Scholarships

There are two Science Scholarships to be awarded annually. If the recipients maintain a high level of academic achievement, the award will be granted for up to three years. Applicants should be all round achievers with a strong interest and aptitude for science.

These scholarships will be awarded to a boy and a girl graduating from Southland Boys' High School and Southland Girls' High School who intend to pursue degrees and careers in science. They will reward emerging scientists who also demonstrate leadership and commitment to community, peers and family.

Elman and Alfred were sons of Philip Poole, a well-known cabinetmaker and musician in Invercargill in the 1920s. Philip encouraged his sons to get a good education at Southland Boys' High School and the University of Otago and both graduated in Medicine. Alfred settled in Invercargill where his contribution to cardiology as well as the local community was recognized with a CBE before his death in 2005. Elman specialised in Neurology with scholarships at Oxford University and posts in London at Institute of Psychiatry and National Hospital for Nervous Diseases. After a Rockefeller Fellowship to the Mayo Clinic, he returned to the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford where he has now retired.

These scholarships were established by Dr Elman Poole in 2010.

Eligibility

Applications are open to intending students who:

- ♦ Have been a Southland resident for three or more years.
- ♦ Attend either Southland Boys' or Southland Girls' High School in the year of application.
- ♦ Excel in Science and intend to enrol in a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Applied Science degree, with a preference for Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry. Students intending to enrol in the Health Sciences First Year course are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

Application Process

Every applicant must:

- ♦ Submit an application to the University of Otago Doctoral and Scholarships Office by the specified closing date.
- ♦ Attach to their application form, or authorise access to, their most recent results in NCEA or equivalent.
- ♦ Provide a letter of endorsement from their School Principal, Year 13 Dean, or Year 13 Science Teacher.
- ♦ Arrange for a reference from someone outside school relating to their leadership and community contribution.

- ♦ Attach to their application a statement describing their goals and aspirations for leadership and education.

Application documents must be sent to the Undergraduate Scholarships Administrator, University of Otago, by no later than **1 November**.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee consisting of the Manager of the Doctoral and Scholarships Office, the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sciences, or their nominees, and a nominee from Dr Elman Poole, shall consider the following factors when awarding this scholarship:

- ♦ Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is required for consideration).
- ♦ Demonstrated leadership potential.
- ♦ Contribution to the community.

Financial Arrangements

- ♦ The scholarship is currently set at \$5,000 annually for three years of undergraduate study.
- ♦ The value of the scholarship will be reviewed from time to time.
- ♦ The scholarship comes with a guaranteed room allocation at Knox College for the first year of study.
- ♦ Payments will apply directly to either tuition fees or on-campus accommodation expenses. No monies will be paid to the student.
- ♦ If the scholar withdraws from University at any time, no money will be refunded to the student.

Tenure

- ♦ The scholarship may be held for three years if a minimum grade average (B-) is met annually.
- ♦ The scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it was awarded.
- ♦ If the recipient changes their degree programme away from Science, the scholarship will be discontinued.
- ♦ The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other scholarships without approval from the Selection Committee.

Other Requirements

Each Scholarship recipient must:

- ♦ Obtain entrance to the University.
- ♦ Agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.
- ♦ Make a presentation to their High School about their study and the University of Otago within their three years of undergraduate study.
- ♦ Write an annual report of their progress to the donor.