



Elman Poole Southland Boys' High School & Southland Girls' High School Science and Music Scholarships

There are two Science and Music 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 music performance and 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 talented musicians and emerging scientists who also demonstrate leadership and commitment to community, peers and family.

Elman is a son of the late Philip Poole, who was part of the early settler Poole family from England and a wellknown cabinetmaker and musician in Invercargill in the 1920s. Elman studied at Southland Boys' High School and the University of Otago, from which he graduated with a degree in Medicine in 1944. Elman specialised in Neurology with scholarships at Oxford University and posts in London at the Institute of Psychiatry and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases. After a Rockefeller Fellowship to the Mayo Clinic, he returned to the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford where he retired. Dr Poole passed away on 25 June 2019 aged 93 years. His brother Alfred also qualified in medicine and played an important part in healthcare in Invercargill.

These scholarships were established by Dr Elman Poole in 2013.

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.
- ♦ Have a talent for musical performance, either instrumental or vocal.

Application Process

Every applicant must:

- ♦ Submit an application to the University of Otago Student Administration (Scholarships) 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, community contribution, and musical contribution to the school or community.
- ♦ Attach to their application a statement describing their goals and aspirations for leadership and education.

Application documents must be sent to Student Administration (Scholarships), University of Otago, by the closing date.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee consisting of the Manager - Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships, the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sciences, or their nominees, and a nominee from the Poole family, 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.
- ♦ Cultural involvement in music.
- ♦ Contribution to the community.

Financial Arrangements

- ♦ The scholarship is currently set at \$5000 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 be applied 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 his/her 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 Poole family.