



Elman & Alfred Poole Southland Boys' High School & Southland Girls' High School Health Sciences Scholarship

There are two Health Sciences 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 in and aptitude for Health Sciences.

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 Health Sciences.

This scholarship will reward students who also demonstrate leadership and commitment to community, peers and family.

Alfred and Elman were sons of the late 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 recognised with a CBE before his death in 2005. 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.

These scholarships were established by Dr Elman Poole in 2014.

Eligibility

Applications are open to intending students who:

- ♦ Have been a Southland resident for three or more years; and
- ♦ Attend either Southland Boys' or Southland Girls' High School in the year of application; and
- ♦ Excel in Science at secondary school and intend to enrol in the Health Sciences First Year course at the University of Otago in the year following the closing date with the aim of gaining admission into one of the competitive-entry Health Sciences Professional Programmes; and
- ♦ Demonstrate leadership and commitment to community, peers and family.

Application Process

Every applicant must:

- ♦ Submit an application to the University of Otago Student Administration (Scholarships) by the specified closing date in the year preceding commencement of the award.
- ♦ Attach to their application form, or authorise access to, their most recent results in NCEA or equivalent.
- ♦ Provide a letter of endorsement from their secondary 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 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, Division of Health 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.
- ♦ Contribution to the community.

Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually.

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 directly to the scholar.
- ♦ If the scholar withdraws from University at any time, no money will be refunded to the scholar.

Tenure

- ♦ The scholarship may be held for three years if, for the second year, admission into the second year of a Health Sciences Professional Programme is successful, and if the scholar subsequently progresses to third year.
- ♦ The scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is awarded.
- ♦ If the recipient changes his/her degree programme away from Health Sciences, or fails to gain admission into a Health Sciences Professional Programme or subsequently to progress to third year, 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 the three years of scholarship tenure.
- ♦ Write an annual report of their progress to the Poole family.