

## Sir Robert Jones Scholarships Information 2018

The Sir Robert Jones Scholarship assists young women from refugee backgrounds to complete a university degree or tertiary qualification from an approved tertiary institution. This philanthropic gift presents an opportunity for young women from refugee backgrounds who aspire to a tertiary qualification but who are denied the opportunity because of their family circumstances. Tuition fees will be paid in full through to degree attainment, subject to satisfactory examination results. Hostel accommodation will be paid for the first two years of study if the student attends a tertiary institution outside their home town.

### Selection Criteria

Young women from refugee backgrounds

- Aged 17 - 24 years
- Evidence of University Entrance or a qualification for admission to an approved tertiary course of study
- A strong academic record over the last 3 years
- Financial and/or personal hardship. (Proof of economic circumstances may be required)
- Extracurricular involvement and achievements
- Personal characteristics

### Application and Selection Process

Applications for the 2018 academic year open on **May 22 2017**

Applications must be received by **August 7 2017**

Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by a panel made up of an academic, an educationalist, and representatives from Robt. Jones Holdings and Refugees as Survivors NZ  
Interviews will be held in Auckland and Wellington in September

Referees will be contacted as required

Evidence of acceptance to an approved tertiary course of study will be required prior to the scholarship being granted

## Guidelines

RASNZ facilitates and administers the application and selection process in collaboration with RJH Holdings

The applicant must have University Entrance

The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded. Any deferment will be at the discretion of the selection committee in conjunction with the tertiary institution of choice

The scholarship is for fulltime study

Annual renewal of the scholarship is dependent on the student maintaining a high academic standard during the tenure of the scholarship

The scholarship may not be deferred or suspended during the tenure, except under exceptional circumstances

Travel expenses for attending the interview will be paid if students must travel from out of town

## Application Process

The application form can be downloaded from the RASNZ website [www.rasnz.co.nz](http://www.rasnz.co.nz) or can be requested by contacting Kirsty Robson at [kirsty@rasnz.co.nz](mailto:kirsty@rasnz.co.nz)

Students must include the following documents

- Completed application form
- Proof of status that you or your family are from a refugee background
- Official academic records from Year 12 to the present
- A cover letter which informs us about your family background and personal story; why you are applying for this scholarship and what you hope to do in the future
- Two references - one academic reference and one character reference

Forward the above information to RASNZ PO Box 22-315 Otahuhu, Auckland 1640

If you have any queries, please phone Kirsty Robson at RASNZ on 021 224 5440 or email [kirsty@rasnz.co.nz](mailto:kirsty@rasnz.co.nz)