

Rakaia Island Scholarship

Rakaia Island Ltd is a large-scale family-owned dairy farm near Southbridge, mid-Canterbury. Converted from bare land in 1994, the property has been extensively developed and now comprises 4 dairy sheds and a dairy support unit over a total area of 1800ha.

Rakaia Island is pleased to offer an annual scholarship of \$4000 to a promising student who is either
a) studying a Diploma in Agriculture, intending to continue into a Diploma in Farm Management *OR*
b) a student who is intending to enter the third year of a Bachelor of Agriculture, Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) *OR* a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree at Lincoln University.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply, the applicant must:

- be a full-time student registered in either the second year of a Bachelor of Agriculture, Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) or Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

OR

- be studying a Diploma in Agriculture, intending to continue with a Diploma in Farm Management.
- provide evidence of course costs for the coming year.
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- complete and return this application form by 30th April 2025.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The decision to grant a scholarship will be based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit
- Evidence of interest in New Zealand agriculture (preference may be given to candidates with a particular interest in dairy farming)
- Personal profile

The successful applicant will have their course fees up to the value of \$4000 funded by Rakaia Island for the relevant academic year.

SELECTION PANEL

All eligible applications will be considered by a selection panel comprising two Directors of Rakaia Island Ltd. The selection panel may ask the short-listed applicants to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Selection will be made by the Board from the recommendations of the panel. The selection committee may refrain from awarding a scholarship if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The deadline for submissions is 30th April 2025. Any applications submitted after this date will not be considered. The successful applicant will be announced during the month of June.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- a. The scholarship is awarded for one academic year only.
- b. The scholarship will be awarded upon successful completion of Semester 2 courses.
- c. The scholarship can be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award.
- d. You will be encouraged to take advantage of an opportunity to work for Rakaia Island over the summer holidays, however there is no obligation to accept a position.
- e. The panel respects the confidential nature of all information provided by applicants.

APPLICATION FORM

Please check the following have been completed before submitting your application:

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| ▪ Application form completed | Please tick <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Declaration signed | Please tick <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Proof of course enrolment attached | Please tick <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ A copy of your academic results to date | Please tick <input type="checkbox"/> |

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all information provided in the following scholarship application is, to the best of my knowledge, factual and correct. I accept that the Selection Panel's decision is final and that no correspondence with regard to the decision shall be entered into.

I consent to and authorise the use and reproduction by Rakaia Island, of any photographs which have been taken of me in relation to this scholarship by Rakaia Island or their duly authorised photographer.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Closing date 30th April 2025

Submit your application via email to: office@rakaiaisland.co.nz

Personal Details

Full name:	
Postal address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	
Course enrolled in:	
Years completed:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years

Education

Which secondary school did you attend last?

Dates attended:

What are the highest school, tertiary or industry qualifications you already have?

[illegible]

Work Experience

Please list your work experience to date.

Year	Job Title	Organisation Name	Key Responsibilities

About you

Tell us about yourself, including what your hobbies and personal interests are, what your future aspirations are as well as your involvement in the agricultural industry.

[illegible]

Achievements

Tell us what your proudest achievements are, including all academic, sporting and cultural, agricultural and leadership/awards recognition.

[illegible]

Industry Insight

Identify an issue, challenge or opportunity relevant to dairying and explain how the industry can overcome or take advantage of it (500 words)

[illegible]

References

Please submit two confidential letters of reference with your application. Ask the referees to email their reference directly to: office@rakaiaisland.co.nz

Please provide the name, title, address, phone number and email address for your two referees:

Referee 1: 	Referee 2:
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