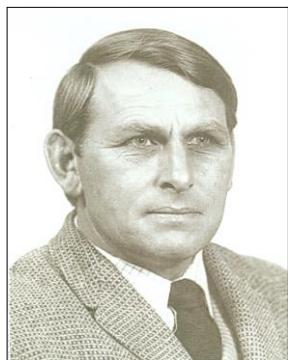


## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

### THE C.H. CROKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award was established in memory of the late C.H. Croker and is intended to recognise students enrolled in agricultural based programmes at Lincoln University who come from the Wairarapa region.

#### Charles Harry (Geof) Croker Dip VFM. FNZIV. JP.



Geof was a widely respected rural valuer, farm consultant and farmer based in the Wairarapa for more than 38 years.

After attending Palmerston North Boys High School from 1945-48 Geof was selected as a Lincoln College Rural Field Cadet for a period of 5 years. He played for the College 1<sup>st</sup> XV from 1952-53 and completed a diploma in Valuation & Farm Management in 1953. He then worked as a Field Supervisor in the North Auckland Maori Affairs Department and later as a stock agent for Wright Stephensons based in Whangarei. He married Dorothy in 1956.

Geof had always held a strong ambition to go farming and in 1957 took up a position as shepherd on Waiorongomai Station in the Wairarapa which he held for 2 years before moving to manage Pukeokahu Station, a 2200ha hill country property north east of Taihape. In 1961 he achieved his ambition to farm on his own account by purchasing 380ha of reverted hill country in North Wairarapa. He also began practicing as a rural valuer and farm supervising consultant and registered as a valuer in 1963. He was awarded a Fellowship of the NZ Institute of Valuers in 1979 and registered as a farm management consultant shortly after that when The Society of Farm Management first introduced registration.

After fully developing his North Wairarapa property he sold it in 1974 and purchased two hill country properties in South Wairarapa. He actively farmed both properties while continuing to operate his valuation and farm management practice which by 1995 had included full supervision and development responsibilities for at least eight large Wairarapa stations. In 1982 he began scaling down his own farming operation in order to assist his two sons into farming and six years later gave up active farming altogether to concentrate solely on his valuation and farm consultant activities.

Geof was highly regarded by the legal and farm management fraternity whose opinion was widely sought to arbitrate in farm estate litigation and advise on management issues. He was a member of the Wellington Land Valuation Tribunals and was active in the community being elected as a South Wairarapa councilor in 1987. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1988 and successfully completed the advanced Judicial course and became actively engaged in District Court bench duties. Throughout his life he supported his local Church and was a vestryman for most of that time.

Geof retired in 1997 and moved to Wanganui to be closer to grandchildren and ran a few sheep and cattle on a 2ha lifestyle block while developing his interest in dog trialing. He died on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2000, aged 69.

**Regulations:****1. Name**

The award shall be known as the C.H. Croker Memorial Scholarship.

**2. Number/Value**

One scholarship is available annually to a full time student of Lincoln University who has successfully completed at least one year of academic study, and who is enrolled in a degree or diploma related to agriculture. The value of the scholarship will be determined annually but shall be up to \$4000.

**3. Eligibility**

In order to apply for the scholarship you must be

- 3.1 Enrolled as a full time student in any degree or diploma related to Agriculture at Lincoln University, and
- 3.2 Have resided in the Wairarapa for a reasonable period prior to commencing study at Lincoln University, and
- 3.3 Have successfully completed at least one year of academic study at Lincoln University.
- 3.4 Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident.

**4. Selection Criteria**

The criteria for selection will be

- 4.1 A strong desire to have a career in farming (professional and/or practical), an empathy with livestock, a passion for livestock farming, land and the environment.
- 4.2 Leadership/Community involvement
- 4.3 Academic merit.

**5. Selection Committee**

The scholarship is to be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of a selection committee, which shall comprise

- A member of the Croker family or nominee,
- A staff member in the Agricultural and Life Sciences Division, and
- The Convener of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee or nominee.

- 5.1 The selection committee may refrain from making an award if, in their opinion, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.2 Should the committee be unable to reach a decision, the Croker family representative shall have the deciding vote.
- 5.3 Applicants may be required to attend an interview.

**6. Tenure**

The period of tenure is one year. Previous holders of the award may apply for the award in a subsequent year.

**7. Co-tenure**

The scholarship shall be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it, however applicants without other scholarship funding may be given preference.

**8. Applications**

Application forms are available from the Lincoln University website [www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships), and must be submitted to the

Scholarships Office  
Lincoln University  
PO Box 85084  
Lincoln 7647  
Canterbury

no later than 4.30 on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

These regulations shall take effect from July 2008.