

Noeleen Olson Undergraduate Horticultural Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Horticulture

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Background

Noeleen attended Palmerston North Girls High School before commencing her study at Christchurch Teachers Training College in 1948. In 1969 she took 9 months off work to complete a BA that she had first started in 1948. She graduated from Massey University with a BA (Humanities) in 1970.

Noeleen was a schoolteacher for all her working life; famously cycling to the then rural Whakarongo School from her Church Street home each day for five years to teach. She retired from teaching in 1988 after 28 years at Roslyn Primary School, Palmerston North. While she loved children and teaching, she had a life-long passion for horticulture and was a founding member of Palmerston North's horticultural society.

Noeleen passed away in December 2019 aged 90 years and left a bequest of \$700,000 to Massey University for the use of scholarships or grants for horticultural students.

Value and Tenure

The scholarship value will be approximately \$5,000, with the exact amount to be determined by the interest made available from the Noeleen Olson Fund, held by the Massey University Foundation. Part time students can expect a lower value award.

The scholarship is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to four scholarships will be available in most years.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens
- enrolled full time (a minimum of 105 credits per year) or part time (a minimum of 30 credits per semester for both semesters)
- enrolled in the third year of an undergraduate degree in horticulture at Massey University

Selection Criteria

The selection is based on:

- academic merit
- the benefit to the applicant and their study in receiving this scholarship, and how well the applicant meets the conditions and intentions of the scholarship

In recommending the award, the scholarship committee will take account of other scholarships and bursaries held with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programme Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as those scholarships, bursaries or awards permit co-tenure.

The committee has the right to refrain from making an award in the event of there being no applicants of sufficient merit.