

Keith Laugesen Scholarship Fund

Introduction

Keith Laugesen was a second-generation descendant from a hard-working family who migrated to New Zealand from Denmark in 1873. Keith was born in Cheviot in 1905 where his father was a successful hardware and timber merchant, owning the Laugesen General Store. Here Keith witnessed the poverty that was part of many lives in the settlement, and his father's willingness to give credit, even though he was often the loser himself. The family moved to Christchurch to enable Keith to attend high school at Christchurch Technical School.

Keith's determination to do better for himself saw him leave the family in 1926 to work as a farm hand in Parnassus, then as a coach driver for NZ Railways services, based in Kirwee.

In 1929 the opportunity came for him to buy the Christchurch - Methven bus service in partnership with his father. This was the beginning Keith's long association with the transport industry.

In 1933 Keith married Ena Rainforth, a daughter of John Rainforth, a prominent builder and property developer in Palmerston North. Ena had gained a MA degree with first class honours in Latin in 1929.

Keith was a member of the Christchurch Rotary Club and he and Ena were faithful members of St Ninians Presbyterian Church, both quietly making generous contributions to many Canterbury educational, religious, and social charities.

Following consultation with a secondary high school, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island decided to establish a scholarship fund to enable Māori and Pacific people school leaver students to further their education, in the community health and wellbeing social service sector. A pattern will be established over time to give the awards to individual students.

The Fund

The Fund has been instituted primarily to assist two (2) students per annum to undertake tertiary education in the social service sector within the Canterbury region, i.e. University of Canterbury or ARA Institute of Canterbury.

Method of Selection

The Awards Committee will base its recommendations for an academic scholarship on details from the applicant's application form, additional information and references.

A copy of the Terms of Reference pertaining to the Keith Laugesen Scholarship Fund is attached.

If you would like to be considered for an academic scholarship you are required to complete the attached Application for Academic Scholarship Form and return an electronic copy to the Board Secretary (pipr@psusi.org.nz) by Friday 18 October 2024. If you require further information regarding the entry criteria please email pipr@psusi.org.nz



Presbyterian Support
Upper South Island

Application for Academic Scholarship

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:

DOB:

Address:

School:

Home Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Proposed course of study:

Year of study:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Please complete *by typing in the boxes electronically (or in your own handwriting)* in the space provided.

1. Have you received or applied for any other entry award or scholarship? If yes, please provide details.

2. Please list reasons why you should be awarded a Keith Laugesen Scholarship.

3. What sources of funding are available to you? (e.g. student loan/allowances, parents/caregivers, personal savings, employment).

4. Where is your proposed course of study to be undertaken?

5. Please list your short, medium and long-term goals.

6. Please list any academic qualifications to date and any community, sporting or cultural activities you have been involved in.

7. Please provide any other information relevant to this application.

REFEREE DETAILS

Please provide the following information for the referee you have asked to support your application.
NB: Your referee should be a Form or Subject Teacher, Careers Advisor or School Principal.

Referee's Name:

Position:

School:

Telephone:

Email:

Please inform your referee that they will be contacted via email or phone to support your application.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

If I am successful in gaining a scholarship, I consent to having my name published and any other publicity PSUSI proposes in consultation with me.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM by Friday 18 October 2024 to:

The Board Secretary via email: pipr@psusi.org.nz (completed electronically or scanned copy)

It is not necessary to send any other personal documentation at this stage.

Successful applicants for the Keith Laugesen Scholarship will be informed within 4-6 weeks of the closing date. It is a condition of the award that the names and photos of scholarship winners are printed in in PSUSI promotional publications and the high school promotional publications.