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## **SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS FROM THE CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE TO STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE AND CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP COLLEGE**

#### **Introduction:**

The Bishop of Christchurch offers in his name the "Saint John the Baptist Scholarship" to assist the personal and theological formation of people from the Diocese of Christchurch.

#### **Scholarship Policies:**

- Applications are offered on a yearly basis.
- Scholarships are awarded on a year by year basis. A successful scholarship in one year does not guarantee a scholarship in any subsequent year.
- Applications are welcome for a scholarship for subsequent years of study, upon successful completion of previous years study. ("Successful completion" means achieving a 'P' (Pass) grade and above over 75% of enrolled courses).
- The Diocese can award up to 5 scholarships per year.

#### **Criteria for students to apply for funding for fees:**

- The academic threshold is met for entry requirement.
- The student can demonstrate an existing commitment to the Catholic Faith and connection to parish life.
- The student has been resident in the diocese for more than 12 months.
- The student has an intention of returning to the diocese.
- Students provide a current medical certificate if asked
- Applicants are to be 18 years and over.
- Upon receipt of exam results or upon graduation, the student writes a report, outlining their progress.

#### **Other considerations for students:**

- Accommodation is the student's responsibility.
- Transport – students responsibility

There are two approved institutions for the scholarship; Good Shepherd College and Catholic Discipleship College.

### **Selection panel**

The Scholarship selection panel is made up of:

- Director - Bishop's Pastoral Office
- Director of the Catholic Youth Team
- Bishop's appointee

The panel will recommend to the Bishop the recipient/s for the scholarship/s.

**Mike Stopforth**  
**Director**

## **A. Good Shepherd College**

The Bishop of Christchurch pays funds to Good Shepherd College for operational funding. As part of this allocation of fees the Diocese is able to provide a scholarship (less the administration fee charged by Sydney).

- This scholarship provides a *majority* of course fees. In 2016 the fee per course is \$680.
- Of this \$680, a fee is charged by the Sydney College of Divinity. These fees are as follows:
  - \$280 for 1 paper
  - \$540 for 2 papers
  - \$800 for 3 papers
  - \$1060 for 4 papers

*This portion is payable by the student to the diocese and is not part of the scholarship.*

In the case of Good Shepherd College, a student will have an aptitude to study theology at a tertiary level.

### **Application:**

- The application process is in two parts:
  1. In the first instance a student should apply to Good Shepherd College for entry. For more information about Good Shepherd College visit [www.gsc.ac.nz](http://www.gsc.ac.nz)
  2. Following acceptance into Good Shepherd College an application can be made to the Bishop for the Saint John the Baptist Scholarship. The required applications forms can be downloaded from [www.chch.catholic.org.nz/scholarship](http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz/scholarship) are to be completed and sent to

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- Material required for the application:
  - A letter of application (approximately 500 words) giving a full explanation why he / she should be considered for a scholarship.
  - Name and contact details of a character reference.
  - The name of the applicant's parish and permission to contact your parish priest (tick box)

## **B. Catholic Discipleship College**

This scholarship provides for an annual grant of \$1500, payable directly to Catholic Discipleship College. This goes towards the fee of \$10,000 (in 2016) which includes fees, accommodation and full board.

### **Application:**

- The application process is in two parts:
  1. In the first instance a student should apply to the Catholic Discipleship College for entry. For more information about the Catholic Discipleship College visit [www.cdc.ac.nz](http://www.cdc.ac.nz). The normal application period is October to December 15. (Late applications may be considered on an individual basis)
  2. Following acceptance by the Catholic Discipleship College an application can be made to the Bishop for the Saint John the Baptist Scholarship. The required applications forms can be downloaded from [www.chch.catholic.org.nz/scholarship](http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz/scholarship) are to be completed and sent to:

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