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TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2023

ASPIRE TO BE A 2024 BDO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

More than a numbers machine

Do you aspire to work for a world-class professional services firm? One that stands out from its competitors with a culture so rich in professional opportunity, personal fulfilment and long-term growth that it is like no other?

Then this is your opportunity to join a business that is more than an accounting machine!

Did you know that BDO is the fastest growing business services firm in New Zealand? Did you know that we are New Zealand's 3rd largest CA employer....but that's only part of the story!

BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago are looking for enthusiastic Year 13 students who wish to pursue a career in Accounting. We are offering scholarships to students wishing to study Accounting at a New Zealand University.

OVERVIEW

THE BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago Accounting Scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to students of Whakatipu High School to enable them to attend a University in New Zealand and study towards a career in Accounting.

We are interested in encouraging any student from Whakatipu High School into an accounting career. We can assist you by providing financial aid towards your studies through the scholarship award and by gaining work experience as an intern during university holidays.

BDO is an accounting firm with 20 offices throughout New Zealand and over 1,700 globally.

BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago have offices in Queenstown, Wanaka, Cromwell and Alexandra. We provide a diverse range of services including financial reporting, BAS (Business Advisory Services) and tax consulting, along with ad hoc engagements to clients all over New Zealand and abroad.

If you love this region and want to get into the accounting world, then this is the scholarship for you.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

To be eligible for the BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago Scholarship a student must be:

- A permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.
- Planning to commence their first year of tertiary level study in accounting at a New Zealand University.
- Currently in Year 13 (see notes below).
- Primarily residing in the Queenstown region and are currently studying at Whakatipu High School.
- Students awarded “Discretionary Entrance” to a tertiary institution (or planning to apply for Discretionary Entrance during Year 12), are eligible to apply in Year 12. However, if a scholarship is awarded, but Discretionary Entrance is denied, then the scholarship would be cancelled, and the student will need to apply again in Year 13.
- The scholarship is for the first year of tertiary study only and may be extended for subsequent years at the discretion of BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago.
- Eligibility restrictions – international fee-paying students, those currently on a gap year, those who have already undertaken full or part-time study at a tertiary institution, and those who have been convicted of a criminal offence (being an offence that had a maximum penalty of imprisonment as a possible outcome) are ineligible to apply.
- BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago may offer holiday work to scholarship recipients. There is an expectation that students will have the ability to work in Queenstown for these placements.
- If you are unsure about eligibility for the BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago Accounting Scholarship, please contact Kat Abery, email and phone details below.

Value of scholarship

The successful student shall receive \$2,500 for every year of full-time tertiary study towards a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Accounting at a New Zealand University.

Closing date

Eligible students must submit their completed applications by 5pm on the 27th October 2023

Selection of scholarship

Selection shall be undertaken by the management team of BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago.

Notification of award

BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago will formally notify the successful applicant and unsuccessful applicant/s by 5pm on the 10th November 2023

Payment and use of scholarship

BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago will make payment of the scholarship before commencement of the academic year, upon receipt of the official scholarship uplift paperwork and supporting evidence.

The Scholarship can be used towards course fees, course or educational resources, accommodation or basic living expenses.

Cancellation of scholarship

If for whatever reason a student is awarded a scholarship, however, is unable to accept it, BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago must be advised by 13th December 2023. BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago will then be responsible for re-allocating that scholarship.

BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago reserves the right to cancel a Scholarship if a recipient withdraws from the approved course of study during their first year (period of the scholarship) or if BDO Directors determine that the recipient has behaved in a manner likely to bring BDO or the BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago Tertiary Education Scholarship Programme into disrepute. Scholarship recipients **MUST** also advise BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago immediately if they withdraw from a course of study during their first year.

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TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT DETAILS

Full name _____

Gender: Male / Female / Other

High School or College attending: _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Name of parent/s / guardians

Mother _____

Father _____

Legal Guardian _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Home address _____

Postal Address: (if different from above) _____

Mobile number _____

Email Address _____

How many years have you lived in the Whakatipu basin? _____

INTENDED COURSE OF TERTIARY STUDY

Name of Tertiary Institution _____

Proposed Degree/Qualification _____

Length of course _____

Proposed Occupation/Career _____

ABOUT YOU

(Please attach further pages if there is not sufficient room)

Achievements

Tell us about any academic, cultural or community related awards you have achieved, and/or positions of responsibility you have held within your school or the community. This could include sports, work, music, drama, cultural etc.

You may wish to attach copies of certificates or awards worthy of noting however, this is not a requirement of your application.

Life and Work Experience

Tell us about your work experience to date. This would also include voluntary work that you have undertaken within your community, family, church, sport or cultural club.

Interests and Hobbies

Tell us about your Interests and Hobbies i.e. recreational, sporting, music, drama, cultural etc.

Why Accounting

Why do you want to work with BDO and what is it that attracts you to a career in Accounting?

Tell us why you choose to work with BDO.

Outline what it is about Accounting that appeals to you and why have you chosen this career path.

LIVING EXPENSES

Please detail how you plan to fund your tertiary education and living expenses.

REFEREES AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Please submit TWO references with your application. One of these references should be from your School Principal, Teacher, Careers Advisor; and the other should be a character reference from a family friend, employer, notable member of the public etc.

References should include some indication of the applicant's aspirations, work habits, general interests, community involvement, and to a lesser extent, their academic ability. Applicants should give their referees plenty of notice that they require a written reference from them, and when it is due by. A letter addressed "To Whom it May Concern" included with your application form will suffice.

Please provide a copy of the latest, year-end academic results (NCEA results only).

Please provide a copy of the most recent school report available.

DECLARATION AND PRIVACY ACT 1993 AUTHORISATION

This authorisation relates to information in this application that BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago may hold about you, now or in the future.

I AUTHORISE my school and BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago to use the information provided for the purposes of considering and administering the scholarship application, to discuss the application with my school teachers, and if necessary, to seek such additional information from third parties as required.

I currently reside in the eligible region.

If Successful

- I authorise BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago to use my name and photograph for publicity purposes.
- I agree to follow the course of study outlined in my application
- I agree to act as a role model at all times and will not bring BDO into disrepute.
- I agree to advise BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago immediately if I withdraw from my study at any time during tertiary study (Tertiary Education Scholarship period).
- I accept all other Scholarship conditions and that BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- I understand that BDO Southern Lakes & Central Otago reserves the right to cancel my scholarship If I withdraw from the approved course of study, or if the directors determine that I have behaved in a manner likely to bring BDO or BDO's Tertiary Education Scholarship Programme into disrepute.

- I declare that the information contained in this application is true and factual

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Signature _____