



SCHOLARSHIP WRITING

TIPS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE
GIVING YOURSELF THE BEST
CHANCE!



Read thoroughly

- Read widely about the scholarship - know its purpose and background.
- Read about the university or corporation's philosophy and goals.
- Victoria University
- <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/governance/strategic-plan/vision-heritage-values-purpose>
- University of Canterbury
- <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/strategy/>
- Otago University
- <https://www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/working-at-otago/staff-values/index.html>



Presentation

- Read ALL of the instructions carefully
- A lot of applications have word limits – make the words count!
- Be mindful of the fact that panels have to read a lot of information, so keeping it brief, powerful and impactful is always a good call.
- Answer the question – identify what they are looking for. For example, know what leadership is, link future goals and aspirations to the university vision.



Don't forget what you have done



- Spend time listing all of the things you have done over the last two years
- Link what you have done to particular qualities - volunteer work, leadership, service, high-achievement sporting, passion
- Chose which ones to emphasise based on what the scholarship is for.



Referees

- Give your referee *ALL* your information – things you've done, scholarship details etc
- Give them plenty of *TIME*