

SELWYN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Several scholarships are available to residing student members of Te Maru Pūmanawa for the 2026 residential year. The application criteria and process vary for each scholarship.

All scholarship recipients are remunerated in the form of a reduction in residential accommodation fees.

Available scholarships and part-time work grants include:

1. Leadership Community (x4)
2. College Photographer (x1)
3. Special Character (x1)
4. Choral Scholar (x8)
5. Organ Scholar (x1)
6. Herbert Scholar (x1)

Leadership Scholarships (x4 worth \$1,200 each)

Members of Te Maru Pūmanawa have wide-ranging interests and talents, demonstrated in their applications for residency. Recipients of Leadership Scholarships will take Student leadership roles as part of our student leadership team. They are to assist in creating and strengthening Selwyn College-based common-good community initiatives. Members who are ambitious and attracted to positively leading and contributing to the Selwyn community in any of the following areas are encouraged to apply.

Areas of focus for 2026:

1. HAUORA – Taking a leadership role in leading, developing and supporting initiatives with a focus on facets of health and wellbeing for Selwyn College.
2. OUTREACH – Taking a leadership role in developing Selwyn’s connectedness with the wider Dunedin community by creating and strengthening existing volunteering, fundraising and other common-good initiatives.
3. TI KANGA MĀORI – Taking a leadership role meeting with our Māori students and bringing voice on how we can infuse relevant aspects of Māori culture into Selwyn College to enrich understanding and celebrate our diversity. For example, help bring awareness to our Selwyn community of significant Māori events festivals and celebrations. Organise a group of Selwyn students to perform in the intercollege cultural performance, and help students learn the Selwyn Haka and Waiata.
4. TI KANGA PACIFIC – Taking a leadership role in meeting with our Pacific students and bringing voice on how we can infuse relevant aspects of Pacific cultures into Selwyn College to enrich understanding and celebrate our diversity. For example, helping our Selwyn community become aware of significant celebratory calendar events of different Pacific nations. Organising a group of Selwyn students to perform in the intercollege Cultural performance. Meeting with Deputy Warden to explore ideas.

Application Criteria: Applicable to students of Selwyn College for 2026. Available to First Years and Returners. Track record of leadership and community contribution. Demonstrated initiative and drive.

Application Process: Your letter of application should include why you believe you are a suitable candidate for a Leadership Scholarship; A clear indication of the ‘area of focus’ for which you are applying; a summary of your proposed common-good leadership contribution and impact; and why you believe it’s worthy of consideration; and or any further detail you wish to include in support your application for this scholarship.

An application letter is to be emailed to the Warden of Selwyn College Ziggy Lesā warden@selwyn.ac.nz, before 5 pm, Thursday 11 December 2026. Any questions related to the application process can be directed to the Warden. Successful applicants will be appointed before the commencement of the residential year. If required, shortlisted applicants may be interviewed via Zoom before arrival at Selwyn.

College Photographer’ Scholarship (x1 worth \$1,200)

With numerous Selwyn events and activities happening throughout the year, the recipient of this scholarship will capture these moments in their splendour and simplicity. In addition to the sharing of these quality images with the wider community, they will also form part of Selwyn’s historical (digital) record. If you have a love or flare for photography, this one is for you!

Application Criteria: A love or flare for photography! An eye for capturing action, magic moments and the unseen. Member of Selwyn College in 2026. Available to First Years only.

Application Process: Your email of application should include, why you believe you are a suitable candidate for the ‘College Photographer’ scholarship; the attachment of five photos, by way of a ‘portfolio’, to demonstrate your talent; and any further detail you wish to include in support your application for this scholarship. Your letter of application is to be emailed to Ziggy Lesā, Warden, before 5 pm, Thursday 11 December 2026. Any questions related to the application process can be directed to the Warden. The successful applicant will be appointed before the commencement of the residential year.

Special Character Scholarship (x1 worth \$1,200)

Selwyn College has a 130-year history and tradition as an institution of the Anglican Church. Our relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin and All Saints’ Church (which borders the College) is integral to our identity. The recipient of this scholarship will contribute to the direction as set by the Board of Governors to deepen connection to the Anglican tradition and life through the Five Marks of Mission*. The recipient will also sit as a member of the newly established Special Character Committee. * <https://anglican.org.nz/About/Mission-Statement>.

Application Criteria: Residing member of Selwyn College during 2026. Applications are open to First Years and Returners. Preparedness to fulfil the requirements of the role, in consultation with the College Chaplain and members of the Special Character committee.

Application Process: A letter of application is to be emailed to the College Chaplain, Fr Michael Wallace. Your letter should include, why you believe you are a suitable candidate; a brief description of your Christian faith and values and church involvement; and how you envisage contributing to and strengthening Selwyn’s special character during 2026. Letters of application are to be emailed to Fr Michael before 5 pm, Thursday 11 December 2025. Any questions related to the application process can be directed to the College Chaplain. E: vicar@allsaintsdn.org.nz.

The successful applicant will be appointed before the commencement of the residential year. If required, shortlisted applicants may be interviewed via Zoom before arrival at Selwyn – this would involve the College Chaplain and a member of the Special Character committee.

Choral scholarship (up to x 8 worth \$1,600 each)

All Saints' Church and Selwyn College have a significant and long-standing relationship - All Saints' is both the Selwyn College chapel and parish church for North Dunedin. Members of the College Choir receive a reduction in residential fees in return for musical leadership at All Saints' Church and within Selwyn College. Up to eight choral scholarships are awarded each year.

Applications are open to First Years and Returners of Selwyn College students.

Application Process: The appointment of Choral Scholars is led by the Director of Music. Expressions of interest about membership of the choir and the application process for a Choral scholarship are to be directed to the College Chaplain, Fr Michael Wallace. E: vicar@allsaintsdn.org.nz. Applications will be received and considered any time before Friday 30 January 2026. If required, applicants may be contacted before arrival at Selwyn. This may involve the Director of Music and College Chaplain.

Organ Scholarship (x1 worth \$1,600)

The organ scholar is the principal organist for the Choral Scholars. No prior experience playing the organ is required. With tutoring provided, proficient piano/keyboard experience is all that is needed. Application Process • As above, the selection of the Organ Scholar is led by the Director of Music. Interested applicants are asked to contact the College Chaplain for more details.

Herbert Scholarship (x1 worth up to \$1,200)

This scholarship is awarded by All Saints' Church and is worth up to \$1,200. Edward Herbert made his money in the Central Otago Goldrush during the 1860's. An endowment was later established offering a scholarship for a student of Selwyn College studying theology.

Application Criteria: Residing student member of Selwyn College during 2026. Applications are open to First Years and Returners. Enrolment at the University of Otago in a minimum of one paper within the Department of Theology & Religious Studies. Preparedness to take on a role in the life of All Saints' church, in consultation with the Vicar/College Chaplain (e.g. scholars have previously assisted with a children's programme).

Application Process: A letter of application is to be e-mailed to Fr. Michael Wallace (College Chaplain and vicar of Dunedin North Parish), E: vicar@allsaintsdn.org.nz detailing why you believe you are a suitable candidate. E: vicar@allsaintsdn.org.nz. No closing date. Applications will be considered at any time. P: +64 3 477 3326 E: admin@selwyn.ac.nz
W: warden@selwyn.ac.nz

SELWYN COLLEGE CHORAL PROGRAMME:

All Saints' Church and Selwyn College have a significant and long-standing relationship - All Saints' is a parish church as well as serving as the Selwyn College chapel. Selwyn College Choral Scholars receive an excellent musical formation in the Anglican choral tradition within the historic All Saints' Church.

Choral Honorarium: The primary role of Choral Scholars is to regularly lead musical liturgy at Sunday services at All Saints' Church. ***Please note this is every Sunday morning service commitment.***

This will include a wide range of choral music styles and will be catered to the skills of the scholars. Additionally, Choral Scholars will perform at special church services (including Holy Week), as well as Selwyn College services throughout the year.

The other key role of the Choral Scholars is to compete as a choir in inter-college competitions with College House and Knox College. This is a great way to serve the Selwyn College community in an integrated and meaningful way. Choral Scholars are remunerated with an accommodation fee reduction of \$1,600. In addition, Choral Scholars receive a high-quality music education. This includes singing technique, music theory, sight-reading, ensemble singing skills, and general musicianship. Former Choral Scholars have used skills gained here to become actively involved in the local and national music community.

Organ Scholarship:

The role of the Selwyn College Organ Scholar is to play the organ at All Saints' Church for Selwyn College services and to serve as a rehearsal pianist/accompanist for the Selwyn choir. No prior experience playing the organ is required. Proficient piano/keyboard experience is all that is needed. To upskill in playing the organ, you may be tutored by the Director of Music and optionally the All Saints' Organ Master. Selwyn College services involve playing an introit, accompanying the choir for an anthem, and lead the students for hymns. You will also need to attend some choir rehearsals in the lead-up to competitions with Knox College and College House and may be required to act as an accompanist in these competitions. The Organ Scholar is remunerated \$1,600 toward accommodation fees. If you wish to express an interest in applying for the programme, or if you have any questions, please contact the Director of Music. Further detail will then be provided as to the application process. Applications for both scholarships will be received and considered any time before Friday 30 January 2026.

CONTACT DETAILS - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: John Buchanan E: j.buchanan@xtra.co.nz