



The Alexander & Gladys Shepherd Scholarships Trust

Biography

Mrs Gladys Shepherd was born in Hawera in May 1895, the eldest of five children born to Mr and Mrs Frederick Swadling of Manaia Road, Kaponga.

Mr Alexander Shepherd was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1888. He left home at an early age and joined the merchant navy before joining the First New Zealand Expeditionary Force serving in World War One.

After the war Alexander worked on farms in the Kaponga area, and married Gladys Swadling in 1923. Together they continued his farming work on Mangawhero Road, Riverlea where they developed a passion for farming. The couple retired in 1963 engaging a sharemilker to continue their work on the farm.

The Alexander and Gladys Shepherd Scholarships Trust was established by will on 11 April 1989, in which Gladys appointed Guardian Trust as sole-trustee. Guardian Trust (now trading as Perpetual Guardian) administer the scholarship Trust. Representatives from Perpetual Guardian, Federated Farmers and a principal from the Taranaki region are on the advisory board which meets to review and award the scholarships

Funding Application Guidelines

Under the terms of the will, Mrs. Shepherd directed her trustee to establish a trust and instructed that every year the trustee exercise their discretion to pay income from the fund to provide scholarships for:

- Persons who wish to become farmers and who are under the age of 21 years at the commencement of their studies in order for them to obtain further education or training which would be useful to them in farming pursuits or the attainment of a University Degree in Agriculture.

Period and Processing of Funding

- There are two granting rounds each year. The first is advertised late January and is designed to assist students already enrolled in and studying an agricultural course. The second funding round is advertised in September and preference is given to secondary school students in their last year of study.
- To apply please visit our [website](#).
- The current granting cycle is **12 September 2017 to 13 October 2017**.
- You can keep re-applying for funding assistance up till the age of 21 years old, as long as you meet the requirements of the trust guidelines
- The length of the assessment process is dependent on the volume of applications and all applicants are notified of the decision. During the assessment period, Trustees may request further clarification from the applicant regarding their application.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Perpetual Guardian New Plymouth office
- Regrettably, due to the number of applications we receive, we are unable to provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications. Please note the decision of the Trustees is final and not subject to any appeals process.