

John McLaren Youth Award Criteria

Purpose

The late John McLaren bequeathed a sum of money from his estate to be used to provide financial assistance to youth with diabetes to recognise the pursuit of excellence across cultural, academic and sporting fields.

The John McLaren Awards seek to encourage young New Zealanders with diabetes to achieve their goals despite the daily challenges they face living with the condition.

The Awards will assist youth with diabetes to attend sporting, academic, and cultural events at a national and/or international level.

Up to three Awards may be made in any one year – one in each of categories: Cultural, Academic or Sporting.

Financial Assistance

Each award will provide some financial assistance to the winner. The sum of money to be awarded to each of the recipients will be advised at the time applications are called.

Financial support for the cultural or sporting categories may be used for related travel, training, equipment, accommodation or entry fees.

Financial support for the academic category may be used for course fees or course related costs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the John McLaren Youth Awards, applicants must:

- be aged 25 years or under as at 30 November in the year the Award is applied for, and
- have diabetes.

Conditions

The Award funds must be used for the purpose applied for.

Evidence of expenditure must be provided to the Chief Executive of Diabetes New Zealand after the activity has been completed.

The Award cannot be applied retrospectively.

Previous unsuccessful applicants may apply again – the Awards are not open to previous winners.

Following the event for which the Award has been granted, each recipient is required to write an article detailing the event. In the case where the applicant has received funds to assist with study, the recipient is to write an article on how the Award has assisted her/him.

The recipient must also be willing to participate in an interview with Diabetes New Zealand. The interview and article may be published in Diabetes New

Zealand newsletters, magazines or websites as determined by Diabetes New Zealand.

Successful recipients are encouraged to act as diabetes ambassadors for a period to be determined. As ambassadors, the successful recipients may be asked to promote and/or participate in certain Diabetes New Zealand activities.

Successful recipients are expected to acknowledge the assistance of the John McLaren Awards (and Diabetes New Zealand) where appropriate.

Applications

Calls for applications for the award will be advertised annually in the Spring issue of the Wellness magazine and posted on the Diabetes New Zealand website.

Applications must be forwarded to the Youth and Project Manager of Diabetes New Zealand by the advertised closing date.

Applications will be considered by a sub-committee appointed by the Advisory Council. The sub-committee does not have to make an Award if there are no suitable applicants.

Award winners will be announced in the Summer issue of the Wellness magazine and posted on the Diabetes New Zealand website. The Award will be presented to recipients at a suitable occasion – either a Diabetes New Zealand conference, school assembly, or a suitable branch function.