



2019 Sistema Scholar: Paw Moo  
Onehunga High School  
Studying BioMed @ UoA  
Mentored by Mary Davenport

**FIRST FOUNDATION**  
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## VALUE

Four year scholarship programme (valued at \$22,000) managed by First Foundation to provide talented young New Zealanders opportunities and resources to help them successfully navigate from school, through university and into a meaningful career.

## Our life-changing 4 year programme offers:

- A personal mentor\* for 4 years (Year 13/1st Year University to 3rd Year University)
- Exposure to Work \*\* (4-5 weeks per year)
- Access to wrap around support from First Foundation's Student Support Team
- Access to Workshops and Events\*\*\*
- \$12,000 towards tertiary fees/costs\*\*\*\* at degree level (\$4,000 per year for the first three years of university)

\*All efforts will be made to successfully match scholars to a personal mentor in their recruitment region by the Orientation and Induction in January – February. There may be delays if scholars are recruited outside of our main regions (Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch) OR if a scholar moves away from their recruitment region.

\*\*Not all scholarships naturally come with work experience opportunities. Where they don't we will make every effort to work with you to create those opportunities.

\*\*\*Workshops will primarily be delivered online, larger events will be delivered in our main regions (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch)

\*\*\*\*The scholarship provider determines how the scholarship funds can be used. The scholarship funds are primarily for tertiary fees. However, some scholarship partners do allow scholarship funds to be allocated for some university costs such as, textbooks, coursework resources, transport, accommodation, and IT resources. Please note, this is not guaranteed for all scholarships.

## ELIGIBILITY

First Foundation scholarship applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Household income threshold guidelines
  - Income cap \$75,000 1-2 dependents\*
  - Income cap \$90,000 for 3 or more dependents\*
- Currently be enrolled at Year 12 at a NZ Secondary School
- Endorsed Merit or Excellence at Level one NCEA or equivalent.\*\*
- Be a New Zealand Citizen, NZ Resident, or Refugee Status

\*Dependents are your parents/caregivers children who are financially dependent on their income. We do have some grey areas here.

\*\* Where a school does not offer qualifications at level 1 we will use schools recommendation or equivalence in the first instance.

## PRIORITIES

- Year 12
- First in Family to attend University
- Scholars meeting the household income threshold
- Endorsed merit or excellent at level one (or equivalent)
- Intergenerational change



2020 Indigenous Growth Scholar: Ella Haare  
Henderson High School  
Studying Vet. Nursing@ United  
Pictured with her Scholarship Partner and Family  
2005 ASB Scholar: Michael Moka