

NOT YOUR TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

What We Offer:

- A personal mentor for 4 years
- Exposure to the World of Work
- Access to wrap around support from First Foundation's Student Support Team
- Access to Workshops and Events
- \$14000 over four years towards tertiary fees/costs at degree level

Eligibility:

First Foundation scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- NZ Citizen, NZ Resident, or Refugee Status
- Currently enrolled at Year 12 at a NZ Secondary School
- NCEA Level one endorsed with Merit or Excellence or equivalent
- First-in-family to study tertiary education
- Household income guidelines

Household income and first-in-family status aren't the only factors we assess, but they help us understand how this scholarship can drive intergenerational change.

- 84% of our scholars are the first in their whānau to study at degree level.
- In 2024, the average household income was \$68,000 for a household of 5.5 people.



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STAGES OF APPLYING FOR A FIRST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

STAGE 1A

Expression of Interest: 20 April – 6 May

- Application form – including contact details.
- Eligibility check, etc.



STAGE 1B

Evidence Gathering: 20 April – 22 May

- Cover Letter
- NZQA Record of Learning (or equivalent)
- Photo
- Additional Information & Enriched.

STAGE 1C

Financial Declaration: 25 – 31 May

- Parents – will be emailed asking to complete Financial Declaration Form.

Application reviews: 1 – 5 June



STAGE 2

Online Interviews & School Support: 15 – 25 June

- Applicants – to complete online interview using Vieple.
- Schools (Dean or Deputy Principal) – complete Letter of support & updated academic transcript.

Application reviews: 30 June – 23 July

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship Announcements

- Tier 1: 12th October
- Tier 2: 11th November
- Tier 3: 2nd December

*Scholar Matching runs from August until 3 weeks prior to the 2027 Awards.

STAGE 3

Scholar Matching & Interviews with Scholarship Partners

- Tier 1 – for degree specific scholarship: starts late August.
- Tier 2 – for specific areas of interest/region or need: starts late September/early October.
- Tier 3 – for general scholarships & Scholarship Partners that came onboard after August: Starts November.