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Tulī
Takes Flight
Scholarship

Tulī Takes Flight Scholarships

Application Guide and FAQs

This guidance will help you fill in the application form. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at Tuli.Scholarships@education.govt.nz or by calling 0800 165 225.

The Tulī Takes Flight (Tulī) Scholarships are part of the gesture of goodwill and reconciliation to Aotearoa Pacific families and communities that followed the Government's 2021 apology for the Dawn Raids that occurred in the 1970s.

The Tulī Scholarships acknowledge the ongoing importance of education for Aotearoa Pacific families and communities. The scholarship is intended to support Pacific people to reach their potential by reducing some of the financial barriers towards study or training. There are scholarships for both vocational and degree level study and training in Aotearoa.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a Tulī Takes Flight Scholarship you must:

- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- have lived in New Zealand for the last three years
- be of indigenous Pacific cultural heritage (see below list of places)
- have completed NCEA 3 (or equivalent) and be 16 years or over by the time the course starts OR (if you have already left secondary school) be 18 years or over
- have enrolled or are in the process of enrolling into full time training or study with a tertiary provider. You are not eligible if you are studying/will be studying part time.

Indigenous Pacific cultural heritage

An eligible Pacific person must have indigenous Pacific cultural heritage from the following list of places:

- American Samoa
- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Hawai'i
- Kiribati
- Nauru
- Niue
- Papua New Guinea
- Pitcairn Island
- Rabi
- Rotuma
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tokelau
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Wallis and Futuna

Completing the application form

We encourage you to read through the form and application guide and see what information and attachments you need to provide, before filling in the application.

Please note, the form should be completed all at once, as your progress may not be saved and you could lose what you have written. If you want to work on your answers over time, store them in a separate document and paste them into this form when you are ready to complete it.

Copies of any official documentation must be certified.

A certified copy is one signed by a Justice of the Peace. To locate a Justice of the Peace, please use the [Royal Federation of NZ Justices' Associations](#) website.

Filling in the Application Form

Section 1 - Personal Details

Provide your **full name**, **email address**, **phone number** and **physical address** that you usually use so we can contact you. Don't use your school email if you are at school now, as it will not work when you leave school.

You will be asked to confirm your **ethnicity**. You can choose more than one. When confirming your **genealogical ties** to your indigenous Pacific cultural heritage, please enter who in your family was born in the Pacific, and where they were born.

We also ask your **date of birth** and **gender**. These may be used for statistical purposes.

Supporting evidence: You also need to upload **proof of your identity** – this can be a certified copy of: the photo page of your passport, your NZ citizenship documentation, or birth certificate. If you are a permanent resident, you will also need a copy of the permanent residency visa page in your passport as well.

Section 2 – Scholarship Details and Study Plan

This section asks which scholarship you are applying for, and what and where you plan to study.

There are two types of scholarship. Both can be awarded for one, two, or three years:

- **Continuing Study**
- **Career Changer**

The form asks you what type of course you are planning to study: both scholarships can be for **vocational training** (Level 4-7 certificates and diplomas) or **academic study** (undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate study, up to and including masters level).

Continuing Study - \$11,000 to \$16,500 pa	Career Changer - \$31,500 pa
<p>This scholarship is for people who have successfully completed at least 1 year of study or are entering their second or subsequent year of training or study.</p> <p>You may be continuing an existing course of study or returning to study after several years or starting either advanced vocational training or postgraduate study.</p> <p>For those who want to do doctoral study (for example a PhD) a Tūlī scholarship for doctoral studies will be awarded for one year only.</p>	<p>This scholarship is to help people gain a qualification that will enable them to move to a new career or advance to a higher level in their existing career.</p> <p>You must have at least 12 years work experience or equivalent (paid or unpaid) since finishing school.</p> <p>You either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• don't have a NZQA level 4 or above qualification• already have a NZQA level 4 or above qualification and need an additional or different qualification. <p>Note: Whether a course is deemed to fit into the Career Changer category is at the discretion of the Board.</p>

We also want to know how far along you are in your studies (what **year of study** you are in) and if you are **currently receiving or have previously received any other scholarships or Fees Free funding**. Priority may be given to applicants who are not being supported or have not received support via scholarships or Fees Free funding in the past.

Section 3 – Why are you applying for the Tūlī Takes Flight Scholarship?

This section asks you to write about why the scholarship is important to you. This part of the application is a chance for you to tell the Pacific Education Foundation Board about yourself in your own words.

Questions (350-words per question)

- **Motivation:** Tell us what kind of person you are, your characteristics, experiences, and skills that will add value to your studies.
- **Career goals:** Tell us about any future career goals you may have.

- **Aspiration:** Tell us about any future aspirations you may have. *For the above questions, make sure to describe significant links between your own experience that demonstrate determination and resilience that will lead to your future tertiary success, and meeting of your goals and aspirations.*
- **Community engagement:** Tell us about your commitment to Pacific peoples and communities. Please provide a reference letter to support this. *Clearly show your involvement and leadership in the Pacific community or wider, and how your study/training does/can give back to your community.*

Reference letter - Provide a reference letter to support your response to this question. This can be from a community leader, employer, church minister, tutor and so on. Please note this cannot be from a member of your family. The selection panel may contact this person (referee).

- **Community change:** What is a change that you would like to see in your community? How will you support or contribute with the skills you have developed through your study? *Identify a positive change you would like to see in your community, your role in contributing to this change, and how your study/training will strengthen your contribution to the change.*
- **Scholarship need:** Tell us how you will use this scholarship and how it might lessen any hardship (financial or otherwise) you are currently experiencing. *Clearly outline, with specific details, the difference this scholarship will make to you and how it will support your tertiary success.*

Section 4 – Qualifications and Experience

The selection panel would like to know about the qualifications you already hold.

Please upload evidence of **your highest qualification** – this **must include a full academic transcript or record of achievement**. You may also provide a copy of a certificate, diploma, or degree.

You may also include any comments about your academic performance, i.e. details of extenuating circumstances around specific grades.

To give the selection panel a greater understanding of your qualification and work history, please supply a **brief CV** (no more than two single-sided A4 pages).

The selection panel is looking for any qualifications you may have, your work history whether its employment or voluntary work, community involvement, and life experiences you bring with you to your studies.

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Section 6 – Applicant Declaration and Privacy Statement

Please read each of the declaration statements and the privacy statement, which outlines how we will use the information you provide in your application. You will be asked to accept these by ticking a confirmation box. If you do not accept, we will be unable to assess the application form, and you will not be able to submit an application.

We also ask where you heard about the scholarships so we can make sure our communications work as well as possible to support people to apply for the Pacific Education Foundation scholarships next year.

Completed Application

The application form must be fully completed online with all necessary documents attached. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. We strongly recommend you ask someone else to check your completed application before you send it to us.

Once you complete the application form and submit it, we will send you an email to acknowledge we have received your application. Applications that are not supported by the correct documents will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed for a scholarship.



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