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Tulī
Takes Flight
Scholarship

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Application Guide and FAQs

This guidance will help you complete 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 available 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

How to apply

Click the application form link on the [Education Workforce website](#). Click 'Create a user or login'. Use your google, Apple or Microsoft account details to create an account for the application. Once you have created a user or logged in you will be able to start an application, or continue working on a saved application, by clicking "Apply now (or resume)".

Complete all fields required in the application form and upload your documents.

Upload your certified documents in PDF or Microsoft Office file formats. You can also upload pictures of your documents in .png or .jpg format. We cannot accept .HEIC format. Any applications not supported by the correct documents are considered ineligible and not assessed for a scholarship.

Once you have submitted your completed application form, you will receive an email to confirm your application has been received. If you do not receive this email, contact us at tuli.scholarships@education.govt.nz immediately. Applications that are not supported by the correct documents will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed for a scholarship.

Certified documents and who can certify them

Copies of any official documentation must be certified.

Certified documents are endorsed as true copies of an original. They are signed, stamped and dated by an authorised person. Only authorised people can certify your copies.

A family member or spouse cannot certify copies of your documents, even if they are authorised to do so for other people.

Any of the following people can certify copies:

- Justice of the Peace.
- Court registrar or deputy registrar.
- Lawyer or solicitor.
- Notary public
- Education provider (for certified academic transcripts or certificates only).

Your documents must be certified within the past 12 months.

Certified documents for your application

You must upload the following certified documents as part of completing your application form.

If you are a New Zealand citizen, provide one of the following:

- ID page of your New Zealand passport
- New Zealand birth certificate
- A certificate of New Zealand citizenship

If you are a New Zealand permanent resident or resident visa holder, provide:

- your main passport page, and
- a passport page showing your New Zealand residency stamp/sticker or
- a certified copy of an e-visa.

Upload evidence of your academic achievements.

- Academic transcripts for any study you have undertaken.

Complete the application form

Introduction

The opening page gives you an overview of the scholarship, contact details, and links to this guidance.

Eligibility and consent

Please read the privacy statement, which outlines how we will use the information you provide in your application. You will be asked to accept this 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 outline the eligibility details in the form and ask that you check and confirm you meet the scholarship requirements before completing an application.

Personal Details

Provide your **full name**, **date of birth** and **gender**.

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 need your **email address**, **phone number** and **home 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.

Scholarship Details and Study Plan

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

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

- **Continuing study or training**
- **New to study or training**
- **Career changer**

Each of the 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 master's level).

New to study or training - \$12,500 pa	Continuing Study - \$12,500 to \$17,500 pa	Career Changer - \$32,500 pa
This scholarship is for people who have not embarked on tertiary education previously.	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.	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.
You must be new to full-time tertiary study. You must not have undertaken previous full-time tertiary study at Level 3 or above for more than half a year. This includes tertiary education at an equivalent level undertaken in any country. There are 2 types of scholarships available: vocational and academic.	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. 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. There are 2 types of scholarships available: vocational and academic.	You must have at least 12 years' work experience or equivalent (paid or unpaid) since finishing school. You either: • 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. Note: Whether a course is deemed to fit into the career changer category is at the discretion of the Board.

We want to know how far along you are in your studies and when you expect to graduate with this qualification. Please let us know when you started studying the qualification (**expected start date**) you are seeking support for – this date may be in the past if you have already begun your study for this qualification – and the approximate date you will likely complete this qualification (**expected end date**).

We also want to know what **year of study** you are in and if you are **currently receiving or have previously received any other scholarship funding**. Priority may be given to applicants who are not being supported or have not received support via scholarships funding in the past.

If you have a **practicum** as part of your study, please describe it - ie. length of the placement, if you need to travel away, etc. A practicum is a hands-on work or field placement integrated into an academic program, for example a hospital placement as part of a healthcare qualification.

Why are you applying for the Tūlī Takes Flight Scholarship?

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

- **Questions (350-words per question)**
- Tell us how your characteristics, experiences, and skills will add value to your studies. Think about future facing capabilities, such as digital literacy, data fluency, AI-adjacent skills, adaptability, cultural intelligence alongside traditional academic strengths and cultural knowledge.
- Describe how your study and future career goals connect to emerging Pacific workforce needs - including AI and digital, climate adaptation, health workforce, infrastructure and skilled trades, teaching and research capability, and the sustaining of Pacific languages and culture.
- Tell us about any future aspirations you may have.

For the above questions on characteristics, career goals and future aspirations, make sure to think about links between your motivation, experience and skills that will lead to your future tertiary success, and meeting of your goals and aspirations.

- Tell us how you will use this scholarship, and how it might lessen any hardship (financial or otherwise) you are currently experiencing. *The selection panel is interested in knowing how this scholarship will support your studies and meet the various costs that come from studying.*
This may include (but is not limited to), accommodation, childcare, travel costs, placement costs, and/or health and wellbeing costs. For any details(s) identified, please tell us how this explicitly relates to supporting you on your academic journey. This information may be used for reporting and statistical purposes.
- 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, or will develop, through your study?
- How are you involved in your Pacific community? *This statement must have a reference letter to support what you say. The selection panel may contact them.*

- **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.
- **Referee details** - you also need to provide a name and contact information for the writer of your reference letter above. The selection panel may contact this person (referee).

Supporting Evidence

Qualifications/Academic history

Supporting evidence is required. Your application must include a certified copy of a **full academic transcript or record of achievement**.

- Ideally, we would like to see one to two years of results, and the transcript or record must include grades for individual papers/courses. The record can be for a qualification you are currently working towards but should include at least one year's worth of results.

The selection panel would like to know about the qualifications you already hold because proof of your success in study is highly desirable.

In the textbox below, include details of the highest qualifications you have achieved or partially completed, either academic or work-related. You may also detail any other degree certificates and awards you may have achieved.

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

Proof of identity

This can be a 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.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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.

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.

Declaration

Please read each of the declaration statements. You are asked to agree with the statements by ticking a confirmation box.

Completed Application

The application form must be fully completed online with all necessary documents attached. Applications that are not supported with the correct documents will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed for a scholarship.

Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.



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