

Searching for Scholarships

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There are many scholarships available to students. Here are some simple steps to help you find scholarships for which you are eligible to apply. We suggest that you not simply discount a scholarship because the name does not look as if it is in your area – take the time to scan the regulations to be sure.

1. The first step to take is to ensure that you have subscribed to our monthly Scholarships Update e-newsletter. You can do this by sending an e-mail to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz, with the word 'Subscribe' in the subject line.
2. If you would like an overview of the awards offered at the University of Waikato, check our website (www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships).

The scholarships are grouped according to level, i.e. Entrance, Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate. You can choose between lists of the scholarships that are currently open for application, or longer lists of all the scholarships the University offers.

3. Also remember to look for other websites which detail scholarships for students. Remember that some of them will not be administered through our office. Some good sites are:

- a. BreakOut (www.fis.org.nz) [should be accessed via a computer where a subscription is held]

This is the national database for scholarships and, with over 2,000 awards, is well worth regular searching. The site allows you to enter a number of search parameters; the 'This is also relevant to me' section has categories such as 'financial hardship' or 'international student'.

Important note: This is a professional subscriber site, i.e. it costs about \$50 an hour for private use! It should only be accessed at a venue where the subscription is being paid. If you don't have access to a University computer, some public libraries, community houses, and a number of other locations do offer subsidized or free access. Even if you're not a student here, you can call in to the Information Desk at our Central Library and ask them to log you on – the staff are more than happy to help.

- b. Universities of New Zealand website (www.universitiesnz.ac.nz)

The Universities of New Zealand (UNZ) offers a variety of scholarships to students in a wide range of areas. They range from awards for descendants of Seafarers Union members to the internationally prestigious Rhodes Scholarships. We advertise the UNZ awards in our Scholarships Update.

- c. Teach NZ website (www.teachnz.govt.nz)

If you are studying in areas related to education, it pays to regularly check the Teach NZ website. Their range of scholarships in education is often updated.

- d. For Maori students, here are two very useful websites to look at:

www.maorieducation.org.nz [this has a good (long) list of Māori scholarships at different levels]

www.tkm.govt.nz [links to iwi and hapū sites].

- e. Education New Zealand website (www.newzealandeducated.com)

Education New Zealand (ENZ) chiefly offers awards for international doctoral students. If their funding of overseas conference and research is resurrected, we'll be sure to advertise it.

4. As willing as we are here at the Scholarships Office to help you look for scholarships, online is probably the best place for you to start your search. You are the only one who knows specific details about your background which may make you eligible for a scholarship (for example, we have scholarships for students who grew up in certain areas, or whose parents have connections to certain organizations).

However, if you are stuck, or if you have found information on scholarships which you wish to apply for and want to ask further questions, don't hesitate to send us an email or come in to our Office to talk things over (no appointment is needed, however, you can make one if you want to be sure to find us in).