

Tertiary Education Scholarships That May Be Applicable to New Zealand College of Chiropractic Students

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2026 Scholarships in Date Order

Month	Date Closing	Scholarship	Further Information
January			
February	10 th 28 th	Pacific Health Scholarships Irene Gold Scholarship	
March			
April	2 nd 30 th	Te Pitomata Grants NZCA Mackay Scholarship	
May	1 st 9 th	Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship Kahungunu Iwi	
June			
July			
August	31 st	Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship	
September	4 th	Sir George Elliot Charitable Trust	
October	31 st	Excellence in Paediatric Care Scholarship	
November	5 th 5 th	Dean Carter Scholarship Richie Barnett Scholarship	
December			
Unknown		First Foundation Norman Kirk Memorial Scholarship Tī Maru Māori Trust Undergraduate Scholarship	

Chiropractic Related Scholarships

NZCA Mackay Scholarship

Description:

The Mackay Scholarship was endowed in 2009 by the late Dr William Evander Mackay of Timaru. William was a chiropractor of long standing in this community and when compiling his will, he very kindly bequeathed a sum of money to the NZCA to be used as an annual scholarship to a chiropractic student in New Zealand.

The aim of the scholarship is to support a chiropractic student to further their studies and who by reason of financial difficulty may not otherwise do so. It is to encourage students towards post-graduate study in chiropractic related areas, and thereby support the ongoing growth and development of chiropractic in New Zealand.

In 2017 it was decided by the NZCA executive to split the scholarship in half and have two recipients/year. This is because the NZCA were receiving quality applications from undergraduate and postgraduate students/graduates and it was not deemed fair to have them competing together.

From 2020 there will be two scholarships:

Mackay Scholarship – Undergraduate

Mackay Scholarship – Postgraduate

Deadline:

Applications for the 2025 Scholarships close on 30th April 2025.

Eligibility:

- New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled full-time in a chiropractic degree (Undergraduate Scholarship)
- OR enrolled full-time or part-time in an honours/masters degree, postgraduate chiropractic-related course, a PhD or Post-Graduate Diploma (Post-Graduate Scholarship)

Award:

- \$6,000. The money will be paid directly to the person supplying the successful application

Application Process:

To apply, please download and complete an application form (<https://nzchiropractors.org/members-area/member-awards-and-recognition/mackay-scholarship/> [You will need to be logged into the NZCA website to view this page]) and send with supporting documents to secretary@nzchiropractors.org

More Information:

<https://nzchiropractors.org/members-area/member-awards-and-recognition/mackay-scholarship/>
mahina@nzchiropractors.org

Notes:

An applicant may not be awarded the scholarship more than two times

New Zealand College of Chiropractic Provided Scholarships

Irene Gold Scholarship

Description:

Jointly supported by NZCC and NZCA, this scholarship assists chiropractic students who have notably contributed to their community and are experiencing financial challenges. It aims to empower future community leaders to become chiropractors and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the profession.

Eligibility:

- A new or current student of the NZCC
- Demonstrates evidence of financial hardship
- Exhibits a history of community involvement with a commitment to continuing to serve their community and the chiropractic profession following graduation as a chiropractor
- Demonstration of leadership in their school or community
- Highly values mentorship and personal and professional growth
- Displays academic merit
- Be eligible to enrol as a student at NZCC
- Shows a strong motivation to train as a chiropractor

Application Details:

To apply for this scholarship, candidates are required to submit the following documents:

- A completed scholarship application form (found at the link below)
- An NZCC enrolment form to assess eligibility for enrolment
- A recommendation letter from a community representative.

Deadline:

- 28th February annually

Award:

- A living cost stipend of \$10,000
- Ongoing individual mentorship and guidance throughout the scholarship year.

Tenure:

- This scholarship is awarded for one year.

More Information:

<https://chiropractic.ac.nz/study-with-us/admissions/fees-and-finance/scholarships/>

Contact:

For inquiries about scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair at scholarships@nzchiro.co.nz

Dean Carter Scholarship

Description:

Jointly supported by NZCC and NZCA, this scholarship aims to foster diversity in the field of chiropractic by supporting promising students of Māori descent who wish to pursue a chiropractic education. This scholarship seeks to empower Māori students, particularly those who may not have otherwise considered a career in chiropractic due to financial hardship, to become chiropractors who can make significant contributions to their communities and the chiropractic profession.

Eligibility:

- A new student to the NZCC or a student returning after a prolonged absence
- Be of Māori descent
- Demonstrate evidence of financial hardship
- Exhibits a history of community involvement with a commitment to continuing to serve their community, particularly Māori communities, and the chiropractic profession following graduation as a chiropractor
- Demonstration of cultural leadership in their school or community
- Highly values mentorship and personal and professional growth
- Displays academic merit
- Be eligible to enrol as a new student at NZCC
- Shows a strong motivation to train as a chiropractor

Deadline:

- 5th November annually

Award:

- An annual living cost stipend of \$10,000.
- Ongoing individual mentorship and guidance throughout the student's tenure at NZCC.

Tenure:

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of five (5) years to cover the duration of the recipient's chiropractic education at NZCC.

More Information:

<https://chiropractic.ac.nz/study-with-us/admissions/fees-and-finance/scholarships/>

Contact:

For inquiries about scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair at scholarships@nzchiro.co.nz

Richie Barnett Scholarship

Description:

Jointly supported by NZCC and NZCA, this scholarship aims to foster diversity in the field of chiropractic by supporting promising Pasifika students who wish to pursue a chiropractic education. This scholarship seeks to empower Pasifika students, particularly those who may not have otherwise considered a career in chiropractic due to financial hardship, to become chiropractors who can make significant contributions to their communities and the chiropractic profession.

Eligibility:

- A new student to the NZCC or a student returning after a prolonged absence
- Be of Pasifika descent
- Demonstrates evidence of financial hardship
- Exhibit a history of community involvement with a commitment to continuing to serve their community, particularly Pasifika communities, and the chiropractic profession following graduation as a chiropractor
- Demonstration of cultural leadership in their school or community
- Highly values mentorship and personal and professional growth
- Displays academic merit
- Shows a strong motivation to train as a chiropractor

Deadline:

- 5th November annually

Award:

- An annual living cost stipend of \$10,000.
- Ongoing individual mentorship and guidance throughout the student's tenure at NZCC.

Tenure:

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of five (5) years to cover the duration of the recipient's chiropractic education at NZCC.

More Information:

<https://chiropractic.ac.nz/study-with-us/admissions/fees-and-finance/scholarships/>

Contact:

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Rise Family Chiropractic – Excellence in Paediatric Care Scholarship

Description:

Rise Family Chiropractic is a busy and fast-growing family & paediatric office led by a husband-and-wife team. We pride ourselves on providing salutogenic, subluxation-based care to our community. We've observed a growing need for inspired paediatric and prenatal focused chiropractors in our community. As our passion for this profession and the lives it changes continues to grow, we are excited to give back to students who are committed to excellence in family care.

Eligibility:

- Are you currently enrolled full time to earn a DC or B.Chiro degree?
- Is your cumulative GPA over 3.0?
- Are you in the second half of your program?
- Are you Canadian?

Deadline:

8:00pm MST on October 31, 2025

Award:

\$2,500 CAD

Application Process:

Please send your completed application form & essay to info@risechiro.ca, subject: Scholarship Application. The scholarship winner will be selected and notified by the end of November.

Essay Question

In 500 to 1000 words please answer the following question: "In your journey to become a chiropractor, how do you define excellence in paediatric care, and how do you plan to embody that in your future practice?"

In your response, you may consider addressing one or more of the following prompts:

- What inspires you to serve children and families through chiropractic care?
- How will you approach care in a neurologically-focused and family-centred way?
- How will you apply principles of salutogenesis in practice?
- How will you demonstrate leadership and advocacy in paediatric care, for example, through research contributions, public education, or community collaboration

More Information:

For more information or the application form, please email scholarships@nzchiro.co.nz

Māori and Pacific Peoples Scholarships

Pacific Health Scholarships

Description:

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Pacific Health Scholarships support the development of our Pacific health and disability workforce. The Scholarships contribute to tuition fees for eligible students of Pacific Islands descent undertaking a course in medical and health or disability-related studies, accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).

Eligibility:

- Tertiary students of Pacific Islands descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island)
- Students must be enrolled in a health and disability-related course/qualification approved NZQA accredited tertiary provider in New Zealand.
- Students must also be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident at the time of the application.

Deadline:

Applications for the 2025 Pacific Health Scholarships will close on the 10th February 2025.

Award:

- Up to \$10,000 for medical and dentistry students (Bachelor of Dental Surgery or a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)
- Up to \$5,000 for nursing, midwifery, allied health, and all remaining eligible qualifications.

Application Process:

All applications must be submitted using the online application form via the applications portal (<https://pacifichealthscholarships.tewhatauora.govt.nz/SignIn>)

Contact:

If you have more questions, please email pacificscholarships@tewhatauora.govt.nz

Hauora Māori Scholarships

Description:

This originally provided financial assistance to Māori students undertaking health-related tertiary studies as part of the Māori Provider Development Scheme (MPDS).

MPDS funding was integrated into broader health funding streams (via Te Whatu Ora / Te Aka Whai Ora), effectively ending standalone MPDS.

Te Pitomata Grants

Description:

Te Pitomata Grants support an inclusive workforce encouraging Māori into health careers. The Te Pitomata Grant Categories for 2025 include key areas within the healthcare sector in New Zealand.

The grants can contribute to tuition fees, course related costs and living cost for eligible students of Māori descent, undertaking a course in a health-related field through an accredited New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) provider or through a provider supporting the education of future Rongoā Māori practitioners.

Grants are awarded across the following categories:

- Clinical Undergraduate
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Medical (including dentistry)
- Allied Health, Scientific & Technical
- Rongoā Māori
- Clinical Postgraduate

Eligibility:

- be of Māori descent
- studying or working in the health sector
- enrolled at an approved tertiary provider in New Zealand
- enrolled in a related course at NZQCF Level 7 and above. The subcategories of the clinical undergraduate are medical and dentistry, midwifery, nursing, and all qualifications within AHS&T (Allied Health, Scientific & Technical)

Deadline:

12pm Tuesday March 2025 - 12pm Tuesday 2nd April 2025

Award:

The Grant consists of:

- \$5,000 (up to) per successful Clinical Undergraduate and
- \$8,000 (fixed) per successful Clinical Postgraduate applicant

Application Process:

All applications must be submitted using the online application form via the applications portal (<https://tepitomatagrants.tewhatora.govt.nz/SignIn>)

More Information:

<https://www.tewhatora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/maori-health/funding-for-individuals>

(Read the guidelines document)

Contact:

For any queries about Te Pitomata Grants email tepitomatagrants@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz

Māori Education Trust Undergraduate Scholarship

Description:

The Māori Education Trust Undergraduate Scholarship was established in 2019 by the Māori Education Trust Board, with the intention of supporting students who are in their second or subsequent year of tertiary study in 2025.

Eligibility:

- be of New Zealand Māori descent
- be enrolled at a New Zealand tertiary institute in 2025
- be attending full-time study for the full year
- be enrolled in your second or subsequent year of study
- submit the application and supporting documentation on time

More Information:

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/scholarships-and-resources/>.

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/2025-maori-education-trust-undergraduate-scholarship/>

Notes:

An account must be made to view the scholarship available

Norman Kirk Memorial Scholarship

Description:

The Trust was established in 1976 to commemorate the life of the late Rt. Hon, Norman Kirk, Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1972 to 1974. The Trust's capital comes from donations made in Norman Kirk's memory by individuals, and the Governments of New Zealand, Australia, and several South Pacific nations.

The objective of the trust seeks to promote the welfare and progress of the people of New Zealand and the South Pacific, especially those who have the capacity to benefit from further education, study, or training, but who need financial assistance in realising their potential.

Eligibility:

- be of New Zealand Māori descent;
- be enrolled at a New Zealand tertiary institute in 2025;
- be attending full-time study for the full year;
- submit the application and supporting documentation on time.

More Information:

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/2025-norman-kirk-memorial-scholarship/>

Notes:

It is unclear how to access this scholarship without a Māori Education Trust account. See "Māori Education Trust Undergraduate Scholarship"

Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship

Description:

A scholarship for taurira Māori, in remembrance of those who served in WWI. The Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship was created by the Māori Soldier's Trust Act 1957 to promote higher education of Māori. The Māori Trustee administers the Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial scholarship on behalf of the Māori Soldiers Trust. This includes promoting the scholarship and managing applications. Applications are available to Māori studying at a tertiary level.

Eligibility:

- This scholarship is open to all Māori studying at tertiary level. This may include university, polytechnic, or wananga.
- Although all students of Māori descent are eligible, preference is given to those who can show whakapapa links to a Māori soldier that served in World War One.

Deadline:

1st May 2025

Award:

- Grant amounts are at the discretion of the members of the Māori Soldiers Trust Committee. They are usually between \$500 and \$3000.

Application Process:

Fill out a form and email it to contact@tetumupaeroa.co.nz with all the supporting documentation.

More Information:

<https://www.tetumupaeroa.co.nz/who-we-are/grants-and-scholarships/sir-apirana-ngata-memorial-scholarship>

Contact:

Call us 0800 943 682 (0800 WHENUA), or email contact@tetumupaeroa.co.nz

Ti Maru Māori Trust Undergraduate Scholarship

Description:

The Ti Maru Trust was set up in 1967 through a deed made between Olive Burns of Timaru and the Perpetual Trustees Estate and Agency Company of New Zealand. Burns showed a deep desire to establish a charitable trust with the purposes to advance the education of Māori in New Zealand. The Ti Maru Māori Trust Scholarships are divided between three scholarships categories: Secondary, Undergraduate and Postgraduate.

The aim of the Ti Maru Māori Trust Undergraduate Scholarship is to support Māori taura who have a strong record of academic excellence when entering their final year of undergraduate study.

Eligibility:

- be of New Zealand Māori descent;
- be enrolled at a tertiary institute in 2025;
- be attending full-time study for the full year;
- submit the application and supporting documentation on time.

More Information:

<https://maorieducation.org.nz/2025-ti-maru-maori-trust-undergraduate-scholarship/>

Notes:

It is unclear how to access this scholarship without a Māori Education Trust account. See “Māori Education Trust Undergraduate Scholarship”

Kahungunu Iwi

Description:

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated acknowledges education as an important key to personal, whānau, hapū and iwi development. Ngāti Kahungunu students who are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution as a full time taura in the third TO final year of completing a degree OR doing postgraduate study can apply for a \$500 General Scholarship.

Eligibility:

- All students must be of Ngāti Kahungunu descent and registered members on the Iwi registration database.
- Full time taura in the third to final year of completing a degree OR doing postgraduate study

Deadline:

- Applications open 6th February 2025 and close 4pm 9th May 2025

Award:

- \$500

Application Process:

- A passport size photo
- Letter of official course enrolment and expenses for this year (stamped by your institution of study and dated between 6th Feb – 9th May 2025)
- A photocopy of last year's (or most recent) course results
- An electronic copy of your bank deposit slip
- You will also need your Iwi registration number (printed on your Iwi card or call 0800 524 864, Email: database@kahungunu.iwi.nz)
- You can register online (<https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/registration>)

More Information:

<https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/iwischolarships>

Contact:

Please email waiorak@kahungunu.iwi.nz to confirm we have received your application

Notes:

There is also a research scholarship available worth \$5,000

Iwi Scholarships

Notes:

There are multiple scholarship opportunities available for iwi members. Reach out to your iwi to see if any are available.

Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship

Notes:

This scholarship did not seem to run in 2025.

Secondary Schools Scholarships

NZQA Secondary School Scholarships

Description:

New Zealand Scholarship is an award that recognises top secondary school students. Top students in each subject are given the opportunity to do NZ Scholarship assessments in order to achieve this award. NZ Scholarship assessments are designed to be challenging for the most proficient students in each subject. Assessment is by either a written or spoken examination or by the submission of a portfolio or report of work produced throughout the year. To be awarded the NZ Scholarship, students are expected to show deep understanding of the subject, demonstrate high-level critical thinking and the ability to apply their understanding to complex situations.

Eligibility:

Must be in Year 11-13 at secondary school to apply.

To be eligible to receive a Scholarship monetary award, a student must be enrolled in tertiary study in New Zealand for the years in which they receive the awards. To continue receiving Scholarships with second or subsequent year or subsequent year payments, tertiary students must maintain a B grade average at university.

Award:

- Single Subject – For candidates who gain Scholarship in 1-2 subjects
\$500 per subject (maximum \$1000)
- Top of Subject – For top candidate in each one of 33 Scholarship subjects
\$2,000 per year for up to 3 years*
- Scholarship Award For students who get Scholarship in 3 subjects
\$2,000 per year for up to 3 years*
- Outstanding Scholarship Award – For students with 3 scholarships with at least 2 at Outstanding, or > 3 scholarships with at least 1 at Outstanding (40-60 students). This enables students to be in the running for this prize – but is not a guarantee.
\$5,000 per year for up to 3 years*
- Premier Award – For the top 5-10 students in NZ with at least 3 Outstanding scholarships gained in same year. This enables students to be in the running for this prize – but is not a guarantee.
\$10,000 per year for up to 3 years*

*Provided B grade average maintained at University

Contact:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/scholarship-subjects/>

Talk to your secondary school for more information.

Sir George Elliot Charitable Trust (Secondary School Students)

Description:

Each year the Sir George Elliot Charitable Trust awards three Elliot Tertiary Scholarships, providing substantial help through a first degree.

Eligibility:

Applications must be advanced with the endorsement of the candidate's school and one application is permitted from each school. Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate academic achievement, leadership in their school and wider community, and that they have overcome adverse life experiences to have attained those qualities.

Deadline:

21st July 2025 – 4th September 2025

Award:

\$25,000

Application Process:

<https://www.elliotttrust.org.nz/templates/how-to-apply/>

Completed applications should be emailed to sharon.cornwell@martellimckegg.co.nz.

More information:

<https://www.elliotttrust.org.nz/templates/>

First Foundation

Description:

Four-year scholarship programme to provide talented young New Zealanders opportunities and resources to help them successfully navigate from school, through university and into a meaningful career. There are multiple scholarship opportunities and you will be matched to a scholarship partner who we think is a good fit for you.

Eligibility:

- 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.

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

Priorities given to:

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

Deadline:

Applications are closed for 2025 – A date is not supplied on the website.

Award:

Four-year scholarship programme (valued at \$28,000) managed by First Foundation

- A personal mentor for four years (Year 13 – 3rd Year University)
- Exposure to work
- Access to wrap around support from First Foundation's Student Support Team
- Access to Workshops and Events
- \$14,000 towards tertiary fees/costs at degree level

Application Process:

Not clearly started due to applications currently being closed.

More Information:

<https://firstfoundation.org.nz/students-schools/application-criteria/>

Other Scholarships

Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship

Description:

The Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship has been established to assist women intending to pursue an educational programme for the purpose of gaining a qualification that will enable them entry or re-entry into the workforce or a change in occupation.

Eligibility:

- New Zealand citizens living in New Zealand. Those holding a NZ Resident Visa and those on a student visa are not eligible.
- At least 25 years of age on 1 September in the year of application.
- Enrolled in full-time study or part time study of at least 50% of full-time equivalent in an NZQA approved education programme that is to be undertaken in NZ.
- Have a proven record of academic achievement - you must have completed at least one year of tertiary study. If you have completed tertiary studies previously then the first year of a new degree is not your first year of study.
- Able to use the scholarship in the year for which it is awarded and/or summer school December - February.
- Willing to participate in Soroptimist promotional activities (if successful).
- The Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship Trust does not offer scholarships to students enrolled in Doctoral degree programmes e.g. PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) , LLD (Doctor of Laws). EdD (Doctor of Education).

Deadline:

- Applications for the Scholarship close on 31st August each year for study in the following academic year.

Award:

- Varies but recent awards have been \$3,000–\$5,000

Application Process:

The application form may be obtained from the website www.blsst.org from 1 July each year.

The completed application form, and all of the supporting documentation, should be emailed in a PDF file to the Secretary.

More Information:

<https://www.blsst.co.nz/>

Contact:

secretary@blsst.co.nz

Scholarship Databases

Kia Ora Hauora Scholarship Database

<https://www.kiaorahauora.co.nz/tertiary/>

<https://www.kiaorahauora.co.nz/scholarships/>

Notes:

An application for an account must be made to access this database. It is primarily for Māori students.

GivME Scholarship Database

<https://generosity.org.nz/giv-me>

Notes:

This is a paid database but there are options to access it for free.

This database did not produce any scholarships or grants applicable for NZCC students.

StudySpy Database

<https://studyspy.ac.nz/search/scholarships>

Notes:

This database did not produce any scholarships or grants applicable for NZCC students.

Money Hub Database

<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>

Notes:

Many of the scholarships found in this document were discovered in this database.