



Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust
Scholarships supporting the education of women and girls

SOROPTIMIST EDUCATION FUNDING - APPLICATION FORM

- The Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust offers up to 20 awards to women and girls each year. These are for female students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents living in the Top of the South Island (Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough) and facing financial hardship in undertaking, continuing or completing tertiary study.
- Successful applicants will have shown that their intended course of study will improve their employment prospects, advance their career opportunities or help achieve a change in a professional, business or trades career, while imposing financial hardship.
- Nelson Soroptimist awards are worth up to \$1,500 each for students enrolled in full-time or part-time tertiary study or apprenticeship.
- Up to 50 points will be awarded, as shown in the boxes on the right-hand side of the application form. Please answer all questions as fully as possible, taking note of the number of points allocated to each answer!
- Please complete the application form in full (you may add extra pages) and return on paper or in electronic form to the contact at the end of this form. Note that help is available to complete this form by contacting: nsetscholarships@gmail.com
- **Note:** *To honour the foundation work of the former Nelson Branch of the Federation of Graduate Women, up to three outstanding recipients will receive an additional sum of \$1,000 each. Up to two of these will be for women continuing full time study at NMIT, having completed at least one successful academic year towards a degree. One other may be awarded to a woman undertaking second chance education, training or an apprenticeship provided by a recognized New Zealand provider.*

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AND WILL NOT BE SHARED OUTSIDE THE NELSON SOROPTIMIST
EDUCATION TRUST.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION: <i>The boxes below will expand if required, as you type.</i>			
NAME OF APPLICANT:			
POSTAL ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE:		EMAIL:	
DATE OF BIRTH:		PLACE OF BIRTH:	
NATIONALITY (current citizenship):		If <u>not</u> a New Zealand citizen, do you have permanent residence in Aotearoa New Zealand? Yes / No (delete one)	
NAME OF INTENDED COURSE:			
HAVE YOU ALREADY ENROLLED?		Yes / No (delete one)	
IF SO, WHERE? (name and address of institution)			
EXPECTED START DATE: (Month / year)	EXPECTED COMPLETION: (Month / year)
WILL YOU BE STUDYING FULL OR PART TIME?			

2. ABOUT YOU:	
a) Tell us about your personal background (this may include aspects of growing up, interests, challenges, hobbies and sports, an important life event). Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.	8 points
b) Give examples and/or explain in the box below , how you have contributed to your whānau and the community you have been involved in during the last few years (at home, at school, on the marae, at work, in the local or wider community, through international action, advocacy, sports coaching etc).	8 points
c) The core values of Soroptimist International are to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. Members strive to advance human rights including gender equality, development and peace through enhanced international understanding and goodwill. How do these values align with your own? Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.	6 points

3. YOUR GOALS AND VISION	
d) Why do you want to do this study or training? <i>Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.</i>	6 points
e) What is your longer-term vision for your future life? <i>Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.</i>	6 points

4. FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES		
a) How would receiving this scholarship help you? <i>Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.</i>	6 points	
b) Is there anything else that makes committing to study difficult for you? <i>Answer in the box below – it will expand if required, as you type.</i>	4 points	
Have you received a scholarship or applied for any other scholarships for the coming academic year? _____ If yes, please list: 1. 2. 3.	Applied for, or Received?	Amount (\$)

5. STUDY BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:			
a) Formal education: List highest level of formal education and training achieved at school, or since you left school. If you recently completed school, please attach your record achievement or a copy of NCEA subjects passed.			3 points
<i>The boxes below will expand if required, as you type.</i>			
Highest level achieved:	Year completed	Education or training provider	
N.B. School leavers please <i>attach copies</i> of relevant certificates and/or your Record of Learning (available online for NCEA).			
b) Personal development: List other courses of study for personal development and skills acquired by other formal or non-formal study.			3 points
List other, non-formal learning achievements		Who provided the training/education?	
6. REFEREES:			
<p>Please provide the name and contact details for two people who are <i>not family members</i>, able to provide 1) an academic or work-related reference and 2) a character reference.</p> <p>If your application is placed on the shortlist, your chosen referees will be contacted by the Trust to confirm an award. Please let them know.</p>			
Name of Referee	Relationship to you	Email address	Daytime Telephone

Your completed application should be sent to reach The Secretary, Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust by 31 January:

By email: (preferred): nsetscholarships@gmail.com

Or post/courier to: 346 Wakapuaka Road, RD1 Nelson 7071

Note: Successful applicants will be required to sign a simple partnership agreement with the Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust, and to provide evidence of enrolment in a tertiary study institution.