



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

## **NELSON SOROPTIMIST EDUCATION TRUST APPLICATION FORM FOR 2026 STUDY GRANTS**

- The Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust (NSET) offers up to 20 scholarships and grants 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).
- Applicants need to show that their intended course of study will improve their employment prospects or advance opportunities in a professional, business or trades career, and that undertaking this study will create financial hardship.
- Nelson Soroptimist scholarships are worth up to \$1,500 each for students enrolled in full-time or part-time tertiary study or an apprenticeship in New Zealand.
- For part-time study, applicants must be enrolled in at least 50% of FTE.
- Each application will be reviewed by three people who can award up to 50 points in total. Please answer each question clearly, keeping in mind the maximum number of points on the form.
- Please note you will need to be able to defend your statements in this application. **We value your own words** rather than AI text-generated answers. Short-listed applicants may be interviewed.
- Ensure your **application is completed fully** and **relevant documents are attached**, or it may not be accepted. Help is available to complete this form by contacting [nsetscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nsetscholarships@gmail.com)
- Please sign and return your application by email (preferred) or in hard copy to the Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust by 15 January, 2026. Details are provided at the end of this form.
- Typing your name in Section 8 will satisfy NSET's requirement that you agree to the terms of this application.
- Awards will be paid by 31 March, 2026.
- For further information and FAQs check our website at <https://nset.co.nz/>

INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION REMAINS **CONFIDENTIAL**  
AND WILL NOT BE SHARED OUTSIDE THE NELSON SOROPTIMIST  
EDUCATION TRUST AND THEIR SCORERS.

<b>1. PERSONAL INFORMATION AND STUDY PLANS</b> <u><b>Boxes below will expand if required, as you type.</b></u>		
NAME OF APPLICANT:		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:		
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:	
DATE OF BIRTH: _____	PLACE OF BIRTH:	City, county or province:
		Country:
DO YOU HAVE NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP? <b>Yes / No</b> (delete one)		
WHICH TERTIARY INSTITUTION are you enrolled in (or intend to be) in 2026?		Institution:
		Which campus (or online?):
Main place or city you will live in during your study:		
In 2026, which year of study will you be? e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> year, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, 3 <sup>rd</sup> etc.		
Which <b>month</b> will your study begin?		
When do you expect to graduate or to complete this course of study?		
What is the qualification you will receive on completion:		
Will your study be full-time or part-time in 2026?		
If part time, what % of FTE (full-time equivalent) or how many credits do you plan to complete in 2026?		
<b><i>Proof of enrolment for the above study or training will be required before an award is made.</i></b>		

<b>2. ABOUT YOU – YOUR VALUES AND ACHIEVEMENTS</b>	
<b>2a)</b> Tell us about your journey so far; your background experiences, challenges, achievements and activities at school, at home and in your community.  <b>Maximum 300 words.</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>2b)</b> Give examples of activities you have undertaken, that demonstrate your values align with those of Soroptimist International, which include “ <b>gender equality through education, empowerment &amp; enabling opportunities</b> ”.	<b>3 points</b>

These may include contributions to your wider community by education and training, advocacy, coaching, serving on committees, mentoring and providing other support.

3. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT		5 points
Academic records are requested under Section 6 below. List here, some of your <b>other talents, skills, competencies and self-development achievements</b> e.g. arts and crafts, music, interpersonal skills and qualifications, management, public speaking, leadership, business experience, etc.	If you did not teach yourself these skills, who if any provided training, mentoring, guidance, or supervision?	
1)		
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4. YOUR GOALS AND VISION	
4a) Why do you want to do this study or training, and what do you hope to achieve by completing it? Please provide as much detail as possible.  <i>Maximum 350 words</i>	12 points
4b) Briefly explain your longer-term vision for future employment?  <i>Maximum 100 words</i>	3 points

5. FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	
5a) Please clearly state your financial circumstances and describe how receiving this scholarship would help you. Mention any particular <u>financial hardship</u> you may experience in meeting course requirements.  <i>Maximum 350 words</i>	12 points

<b>5b)</b> Is there anything else that makes committing to study financially or personally difficult for you? e.g. <i>travel, accommodation, commuting, health and disability; work experience/placements; child care, other family responsibilities; technology or equipment needs.</i>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maximum 150 words</i></p>	<b>5 points</b>

<b>6. ACADEMIC RECORD</b>	<b>No points</b>
Please <b><i>attach copies</i></b> of up to three certificates, diplomas, transcripts, official NCEA results or a Record of Achievement to show your <b><i>highest or most relevant</i></b> academic achievements. <b><u>Note: At least one is required,</u></b> or your application will not be accepted.	

<b>7. REFEREES:</b>			
If you are shortlisted, Trustees will contact your nominated referees for endorsement or otherwise, assessed against the criteria outlined on page 1. Please provide an email address and a telephone number for <u>two referees</u> who are not members of your family or close friends, who are in a position to assess your suitability (e.g. <i>teacher, tutor, lecturer, supervisor, manager</i> ).  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DO NOT INCLUDE WRITTEN REFERENCES IN THIS APPLICATION</b></p>			
<b>Name of Referee</b>	<b>Relationship to you</b>	<b>Email address</b>	<b>Daytime Telephone</b>
1)			
2)			

<b>8. DECLARATION:</b> <i>By signing below, you agree to the following:</i>	
I have read and understood the criteria for a Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust scholarship outlined on the cover page (Page 1.) above.	
I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is true and correct.	
In making this application I consent to personal information supplied above to be disclosed to NSET Trustees and scorers for purposes of assessing my application.	
Signed:	
Date:	

Your completed application should be sent preferably in PDF format, together with any requested documents to reach The Secretary, Awards Committee, Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust by 15 January, 2026

By email: (preferred): [nsetscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nsetscholarships@gmail.com)

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

**Note:** Short-listed applicants may be requested to attend an online or telephone interview before final selections are made.

Successful applicants are required to sign a simple partnership agreement with the Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust, and to provide evidence of acceptance into the course of study or training outlined in the application, before payments are made.