

WRMK Law Scholarship

WRMK is delighted to provide scholarships to support aspiring law students who have demonstrated academic ability and leadership, but are facing significant financial need or have life circumstances that present barriers to studying at university.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Tenure: One year, as detailed below.

Value:

The Scholarship comprises three elements;

- 1 **\$10,000 cash contribution**, to be paid in two parts: \$3,000 on successfully gaining entrance to a New Zealand university with the intention to study law; and \$7,000 to be paid on successfully being accepted into Law Part II (proof of admission is required – see details in terms and conditions).
- 2 **Work experience:** upon completion of the second year of study, scholarship recipients will be invited to undertake a 6-8 week paid work experience programme during November/December and January/February. Students may also be invited back for further work experience in subsequent years, or to apply for a summer clerk position (acceptance beyond the first year is not guaranteed).
- 3 **Mentor:** scholarship recipients will be matched with a mentor from WRMK who will support them during their studies. At a minimum, mentors will meet in person with the scholarship recipient at the end of Year 13 and catch up with the student by phone, Zoom, or in person at least once every quarter over the first year.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant:

- is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- must be in Year 13* at an eligible secondary school (see Terms and Conditions)
- has achieved at least NCEA Level 2 endorsed with merit, or equivalent
- can show significant financial need or life circumstances which present barriers to studying at university, and
- must be intending to enrol for full-time study in the year following application with the intention to pursue a law degree at a New Zealand university.

**or students enrolled in an eligible school who expect to achieve university entrance in the year of application.*

WRMK will consider the following factors in awarding the scholarships:

- academic ability; disciplines or subjects relevant to the study of law at university may be assessed (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is normally required for consideration)
- leadership potential; candidate demonstrates leadership in their school and/or community (for example, Church, Marae, arts or sports or other community endeavours)

- financial need, and/or
- life circumstances which present significant barriers to studying at university, and
- potential and motivation to succeed at university and a career in the law.

All of these criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing applications.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1 Applications must be submitted by 5pm on the closing date. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- 2 All offers of the Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient being fully enrolled in a full-year programme within the stipulated criteria and tenure of the Scholarship. No payment of the Scholarship will be made until this condition is met.
- 3 Applicants are expected to have their NCEA Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Merit, or equivalent in another qualification.
- 4 All offers of the Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient gaining NCEA Level 3 with at least 25 credits at Merit or Excellence (or equivalent in another qualification), University Entrance and admission to their degree programme.
- 5 The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If an applicant fails to accept the Scholarship within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.
- 6 The Scholarship cannot be deferred to a later year.
- 7 Should the recipient withdraw from their chosen university during the tenure of this Scholarship or fail to achieve satisfactory progress, partial repayment of the Scholarship will normally be expected. Recipients must advise WRMK Lawyers if they intend to withdraw. Transferring studies to an equivalent LLB programme at another university in the first or second year of study may be acceptable, but approval will need to be given by WRMK.
- 8 At the discretion of WRMK, the application of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship may be modified in special circumstances, or to avoid hardship to any candidate for the Scholarship.

9 Payment details

The first payment of \$3,000 will be made to the Scholarship recipient in 2027, into a bank account nominated by the recipient, once WRMK have received:

- satisfactory proof of acceptance and full enrolment into an undergraduate degree at a NZ university (including summary of courses enrolled for).

The second payment of \$7,000 will be made to the Scholarship recipient in 2028, into a bank account nominated by the recipient, once WRMK have received:

- satisfactory proof of acceptance, and full enrolment, into Law School (Law Part II) (you will be asked to download and send a copy of your academic record showing the second-year courses enrolled for and the grades attained during your first year of study).

10 Work experience details

Provided the above terms and conditions of this scholarship are met (e.g. the candidate is achieving satisfactory progress at university):

- the candidate will be offered paid work experience in the summer period following the completion of their second year of study at university (i.e. following completion of the first year of law school). Specific start and end dates will be negotiated with the candidate but are likely to fall approximately around the period November 2028 - December 2028, and then again from January 2029 - February 2029. The candidate will be remunerated according to the level of work they are capable of undertaking. WRMK's usual employment practices and NZ law will apply.

11 Eligible schools

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| • Bay of Islands College | • Renew School |
| • Bream Bay College | • Rodney College |
| • Broadwood Area School | • Ruawai College |
| • Dargaville High School | • Springbank School |
| • Excellere College | • Taipa Area School |
| • Huanui College | • Tauraroa Area School |
| • Kaikohe Christian School | • Te Kāpehu Whetū (Tuakana) |
| • Kaitaia Abundant Life School | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe |
| • Kaitaia College | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro |
| • Kamo High School | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarere |
| • Kerikeri High School | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rawhiti Roa |
| • Mahurangi College | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Tonga o Hokianga |
| • Mangakahia Area School | • Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whangaroa |
| • Moerewa School | • Te Kura o Te Kao |
| • Ngataki School | • Te Kura o Waikare |
| • Northland College | • Te Kura Taumata o Panguru |
| • Okaihau College | • Te Rangi Aniwaniwa |
| • Opononi Area School | • Tikipunga High School |
| • Otamatea Christian School | • Whangārei Boys' High School |
| • Otamatea High School | • Whangārei Girls' High School |
| • Pompallier Catholic College | • Whangaroa College |

12 2026 Key dates

- Thursday 25th June : Applications open
- Friday 14th August: Applications close 5pm
- 17th August to 4th September: Evaluation of applications and shortlist
- 14th – 17th September: Interviews
- October: Scholarship recipients announced
- November: Award ceremony (School prizegiving)
- December: Meet your mentor morning