



The Fergusson Fund Media Scholarship

Application Guidance Notes

Supporting Taranaki students to study journalism and photography

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Applications open 1 September and close 31 October. Grants are awarded at the start of the following academic year.

Taranaki Foundation administers The Fergusson Fund Media Scholarship, in partnership with Taranaki Daily News, to support Taranaki students pursuing full-time studies in journalism, photography, communications, or related media fields.

Scholarship details

- There are two awards made annually, determined by a selection panel.
- The primary award of \$10,000 is linked to a work placement at the Taranaki Daily News. It is paid in two parts, \$5,000 on commencement of studies and \$5,000 on successful completion of the academic year and work placement.
- A secondary award of \$5,000 recognises another outstanding applicant and is paid on commencement of studies.
- Work placement - the \$10,000 scholarship recipient will also complete up to three weeks of structured work placement with the Taranaki Daily News during the year, gaining real-world experience and mentorship.
- The scholarships and placement are valid for one academic year and can be held concurrently with other scholarships, awards, or grants not funded by the Taranaki Foundation.
- The award recipients are invited to an end-of-year Scholarship event to celebrate their achievements with the generous donors and Taranaki Foundation.

How to Apply

- Submit your application through our Funding Portal on our website.
- Register with your email and create a password. Make sure you use an email address that you check regularly, avoid using school or temporary email accounts that may be deactivated when you leave.
- On the 'Log in to Your Account' click 'Not a member?' at the bottom right and follow the prompts.
- You can save your application and return to it later. Just log in, go to 'My applications,' and continue where you left off.
- Forgot your password? Contact us and we'll help reset it: info@taranakifoundation.org.nz.
- Before you begin, make sure you have a copy of your bank account details (screenshot of a statement or deposit slip) and a supporting statement from your referee.

Selection process

- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an informal interview with representatives from the Taranaki Foundation and the Taranaki Daily News.
- Applicants will be notified by the Taranaki Foundation by the end of November.

Need Help?

We're here to make the process as simple and supportive as possible. If you're unsure or need guidance at any stage, please reach out.

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