



The Taranaki Geological Society Scholarship

Application Guidance Notes

Supporting students to study geology and earth sciences

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Applications open 1 September and close 30 September. Grants are awarded at the start of the following academic year.

Taranaki Foundation administers The Taranaki Geological Society Fund, established in 2025, to support a local student from Taranaki pursuing tertiary studies in Geology or a closely related field.

Scholarship details

- One scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded annually.
- Students enrolled, or planning to enrol in full-time studies in Geology or related subjects such as Earth Science, Environmental Geoscience, Engineering Geology, Geophysics, Geological Engineering or Geography should apply.
- Applicants must show strong academic potential, demonstrate a genuine interest and passion for geology or earth sciences and have a clear sense of direction and motivation for their studies and future in the field.
- 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.
- 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 academic referee.

Selection process

- Preference will be given to students majoring in Geology.
- Applications reviewed by a panel coordinated by Taranaki Foundation in collaboration with the Taranaki Geological Society.
- Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an informal interview.
- Applicants will be notified by Taranaki Foundation by the end of November.

Scholarship conditions

- The recipient is to attend a Taranaki Geological Society Committee meeting within 12 months of receiving the scholarship to briefly share what they have gained from their studies.
- The scholarship must be used for the academic year immediately following the award, unless otherwise agreed.
- If the recipient withdraws from study or changes to a programme not aligned with the scholarship's purpose, Taranaki Foundation may request a return of funds.

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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