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**The Fergusson Fund Media Scholarship**

**In partnership with The Taranaki Daily News**

The Fergusson Fund was established in memory of Glen Fergusson, who passed away in 2022. A lifelong resident of Taranaki, Glen’s legacy lives on through this fund, which supports deserving students in Taranaki undertaking, or about to commence study in journalism, communications or photography.

Glen worked as Chief Photographer at Taranaki Newspapers for many years and described it as the “best job in the world.” He believed there are many deserving students who could do with a helping hand to further their education and practical skills.

**Application Dates:**Applications open **1 September and close 31 October each year**.
Grants are awarded at the start of the following academic year.

**Scholarship Details:** Two awards are made annually, determined by the selection panel.

* Total value: $15,000 per year, awarded as:
* One primary award of $10,000, linked to the work placement.
* One additional award of $5,000, recognising another outstanding applicant.
* Payment Structure:
* For the $10,000 award: $5,000 on commencement of studies, and $5,000 on successful completion of the academic year and work placement.
* The $5,000 award will be paid on the commencement of studies.
* Work Placement:
* The $10,000 scholarship recipient will also complete up to three weeks structured work placement with the Taranaki Daily News during the year, providing invaluable real-world experience and mentorship.

**Eligibility:**

* Full-time students **from Taranaki** enrolled, or planning to enrol, in a journalism, communications or photography related course.
* The scholarship 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.

**Application Process:**

* Complete the application form.
* Selection is managed jointly by the Taranaki Daily News and the Taranaki Foundation.
* Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an informal interview with representatives from both organisations.
* While the Foundation is committed to supporting deserving candidates, awards will not be made if no suitable applicants meet the criteria.