



## Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust

Supporting the education of women and girls

### SOROPTIMIST EDUCATION FUNDING - APPLICATION FORM

- The Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust offers up to 20 awards to women and girls 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, Marlborough) and facing financial hardship in undertaking, continuing or completing tertiary study.
- Successful applicants will have shown that their intended course of study will improve their employment prospects, advance their career opportunities or help achieve a change in a professional, business or trades career, while imposing financial hardship.
- Nelson Soroptimist awards are worth up to \$1,500 each for students enrolled in full time or part time tertiary study or apprenticeship.
- Up to 50 points will be awarded, as shown in the boxes on the right-hand side of the application form. Please answer all questions as fully as possible, taking note of the number of points allocated to each answer!
- Please complete the application form in full (can add extra pages) and return on paper or in electronic form to the contact at the end of this form. Note also, help is available to complete this form by contacting: [nsetscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nsetscholarships@gmail.com)
- **Note:** *To honour the foundation work of the former Nelson Branch of the Federation of Graduate Women, up to three outstanding recipients will receive an additional sum of \$1,000 each. Up to two of these will be for women continuing full time study at NMIT, having completed at least one successful academic year towards a degree. One other may be awarded to a woman undertaking second chance education, training or an apprenticeship provided by a recognized New Zealand provider.*

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<b>1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:</b>			
<b>NAME OF APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>		<b>EMAIL:</b>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>		<b>PLACE OF BIRTH:</b>	
<b>NATIONALITY</b> (current citizenship):		If <u>not</u> a New Zealand citizen, do you have permanent residence in Aotearoa New Zealand? <b>Yes / No</b> (delete one)	
<b>NAME OF INTENDED COURSE:</b>			
<b>HAVE YOU ALREADY ENROLLED?</b>		<b>Yes / No</b> (delete one)	
<b>IF SO, WHERE?</b> (name and address of institution)			
<b>EXPECTED START DATE:</b>	..... (Month / year)	<b>EXPECTED COMPLETION:</b>	..... (Month / year)
<b>WILL YOU BE STUDYING FULL OR PART TIME?</b>			

<b>2. ABOUT YOU:</b>	
a) Tell us about your personal background (this may include aspects of growing up, interests, challenges, hobbies and sports, an important life event).	<b>8 points</b>
b) Give examples and/or explain in the box below, how you have contributed to your whānau and the community you have been involved in during the last few years (at home, at school, on the marae, at work, in the local or wider community, through international action, advocacy, sports coaching etc).	<b>8 points</b>
c) The core values of Soroptimist International are gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, access to education for women and girls and diversity and fellowship. How do these values align with your own?	<b>4 points</b>

3. YOUR GOALS AND VISION	
d) Why do you want to do this study or training? Answer in the box below.	6 points
e) What is your longer term vision for your future life? Answer in the box below.	6 points

4. FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES		
a) How would receiving this scholarship help you?	6 points	
b) Is there anything else that makes committing to study difficult for you?	4 points	
Have you received a scholarship or applied for any other scholarships for the coming academic year?  <b>If yes, please list:</b> 1. 2. 3.	Applied for, or Received?	Amount (\$)

5. <u>STUDY BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:</u>

<b>a) <u>Formal education:</u></b> List any education and training achievements since you left school and, if you recently completed school, record of NCEA subjects passed. Include formal short courses and skills training you successfully completed. <i>The boxes below will expand if required, as you type.</i>		<b>4 points</b>
<b>Courses completed e.g. skills qualifications achieved, certificates awarded, NCEA subjects passed, overseas qualifications gained.</b>	<b>Year completed</b>	<b>Education or training provider</b>
<b><u>N.B. School leavers</u></b> please <i>attach copies</i> of relevant certificates and/or your Record of Learning (available online for NCEA).		
<b>b) <u>Other education and training:</u></b> List other skills you have developed through online courses, non-formal education and training, or by other means.		<b>4 points</b>
<b>List other, non-formal learning achievements</b>	<b>Who provided the training/education?</b>	

**6. REFEREES:**

Please provide names and contact details for two people who are ***not family members***, preferably a teacher, mentor or supervisor able to provide a professional reference.

If your application is placed on the shortlist, your chosen referees will be contacted by the Trust to confirm an award. Please let them know.

Name of Referee	Relationship to you	Email address	Telephone

***Note: Successful applicants will be required to sign a simple partnership agreement with the Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust, and to provide evidence of enrolment.***

Your completed application should be sent to reach The Secretary, Nelson Soroptimist Education Trust **by 31 January**:

By email: (preferred):

[nsetscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nsetscholarships@gmail.com)

Or post/courier to:

346 Wakapuaka Road, RD1 Nelson 7071