



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

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Te Reinga Akataunga'anga – Cook Islands Tertiary Study Support Application Form 2026

A1 Scholarship Information, Submission of Completed Forms and Outcome

- All Completed application forms must be submitted to the **Ministry of Education (MOE) by 12pm, Friday 28 November 2025.**
- Completed application forms can be submitted either via email to scholarships@education.gov.ck or can be dropped off to the Ministry of Education Office in Nikao, or through post to: Scholarships Application, P.O. Box 97, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.
- Applicants will be notified of their outcome end of February.
- All information supplied will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and will be used for MOE purposes only.

A2 Instructions for filling in this application form

- Please answer all questions concisely. Do not put any abbreviations and provide full names for acronyms used in any documents submitted. For questions not applicable to you, answer with "N/A".
- If you need more space, then additional pages can be attached. But ensure to indicate the number of the question you are answering.
- Students who are waiting for their Semester 2 results and those awaiting final NCEA credits can still submit their application form by the due date. Confirmed results can be shared once received.

A3 Eligibility Criteria

The Ministry will review the eligibility of your application based on the outlined criteria.

Domestic Scholarship options

1. Full Scholarship
 - a. All Cook Islands Residents including Permanent Residents (PR), who hold a New Zealand passport.
 - b. School leavers must achieve the University Entrance with a ranking score of 200 and above. Students should achieve 14 credits in two UE approved subjects and 12 in a third UE approved subject, including literacy and numeracy requirements would be given a priority. If unsure on how to calculate the rank score, please visit <https://rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz/ncea>

2. Study Grant

- a. Applicants must have successfully completed at least 4 courses with a **B+ grade average** at an approved tertiary institute. Grants will be awarded to those studying in the Cook Islands either with a local or overseas provider.

First Year Fees Free

- a. Applicants who are based domestically and are enrolled with a recognised Educational Institute either locally or overseas for their first year of study in undergraduate programmes or equivalent level of studies only.
- b. Be able to provide enrolment confirmation of at least one (1) papers per semester.

International Scholarship Options

1. Study Starter Pack

- a. All Cook Islands Residents including Permanent Residents (PR) and dependents (under 18), who hold a New Zealand passport.
- b. Recipients must travel on a valid NZ passports if awarded.
- c. School leavers must achieve the University Entrance with a ranking score of 200 and above. Students should achieve 14 credits in two UE approved subjects and 12 in a third UE approved subject, including literacy and numeracy requirements would be given a priority. If unsure on how to calculate the rank score, please visit <https://rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz/ncea>

2. Full Scholarship

- a. All Cook Islands Residents including Permanent Residents (PR) and dependents (under 18), who hold a New Zealand passport.
- b. Applicant selection will be based on meeting the scholarship eligibility criteria, primarily that of academic merit.
- c. Applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of one full academic year (6 papers minimum) with a B+ grade average.

Application Checklist

Please tick to confirm the documents you have attached to the application:

Copy of Passport Bio- page

Copy of birth certificate

Current photo of applicant. Submitting this photo grants the Ministry of Education consent to utilise this image in media campaigns and promotion of the Scholarship programme if successful.(JPG 1200x720)

Copy of secondary school qualifications

Curriculum Vitae (CV) – applicable to Study Grant students only

Records Of Learning from NZQA (NCEA level 3 applicants only)

Copy of Tertiary qualification (if any)

Official academic transcripts for units undertaken

Confirmation of studies (enrollment)

Supporting Statement telling us about your proposed study programme (typed only- hand written will not be accepted).

2 references (no more than 24 months) on official letterhead supporting your scholarship application. References should be from your employer, lecturer or an official from your place of study.

Other documents (please specify)

Section 1: Personal Details

(Please note that the name entered in this section should match the birth certificate or passport submitted)

First Name:

**Other Given
Names:**

Last Name:

Also known as:

**Date of
Birth:**

1.2

Gender :

Male

Female

1.3 Marital

Single

Status:

Married

defacto relationship

Others

1.4

Ethnicity:

Cook Islands Maori (Go to section 1.7)

Other (please specify):

1.5 Residential Status

Permanent
Resident

Married to a Cook
Islander

Dependent (under 18 years of PR holder)

1.6 Country of Citizenship (as stated in passport):

1.7 Postal Address and Contact Details in Cook Islands

Postal Address:

Usual Residence on the island (Village):

Email address:

Telephone/Mobile:

Section 2: Parent/Legal Guardian Details (Applicable for Year 13 students only)

First Name:	
Other Given Names:	
Last Name:	
Also known as:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Email address:	Telephone/Mobile:

Section 3: Support requested

I am applying for:			
Domestic Options:	Full Scholarship	Study Grant	Government Funded Fees Free
International Options:	Starter Pack	Full Scholarship	

Section 4: Proposed Study Programme

(Complete this section if applying for Full Domestic scholarship, Government Funded Fees Free, Study Grant and starter pack)

Programme:
Major fields of study:
Study Institute:
Length of Study:

Section 5: Current Study Programme

(Complete this section if applying for Full Domestic and Full International scholarship)

Programme:	
Major fields of study:	
Study Institute:	
Location of Study Institute:	Length of study:

Section 6: Details of your Academic and Professional Qualifications (Not Applicable for Year 13 Students)

1. Institution:	Year:
Qualification:	
Major(s):	

2. Institution:	Year:
Qualification:	
Major(s):	

3.	Institution:	Year:
	Qualification:	
	Major(s):	

Section 7: Work Experience

(Please attach recent CV, detailing your work experience or employment details and duties undertaken)

1.	Position:	Period worked:
	Employer:	

2.	Position:	Period worked:
	Employer:	

3.	Position:	Period worked:
	Employer:	

Section 8: Supporting Statement (typed only and not hand written) for Full Scholarship students only

Please provide a 500-word statement outlining responses for the following:

- Why this proposed area of study interests you
- Your future employment or business opportunities
- How your proposed area of study will enable you to contribute to the economic and social development of the Cook Islands.

The above information will be considered during the Scholarships selection process with the Tertiary Education Committee.

Section 9: Declaration by Applicant

I confirm that the information in this application is true and accurate.

I understand that the Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the information in my application with authorities, and any incorrect statements may result in being declared ineligible for an award.

Date:

Signature: