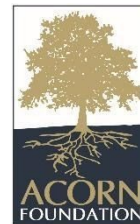


The Acorn Foundation Walters Family Scholarship



Tauranga Girls' College and the Acorn Foundation invite applications from students to apply for a Scholarship, from a fund of up to \$2000.

Background:

The **Acorn Foundation** connects generous people who care with causes that matter in the Western Bay of Plenty region. We are building a permanent endowment fund that will cater for the current and future needs of our region, through the generosity of local people who are changing people's lives forever.

The **Walters family** consists of Kevin, Jean, daughter Celine and her son Eli.

Kevin and Jean spent several years overseas, travelling overland through Africa, living in London, Tokyo and near New York, before deciding to settle back in New Zealand with daughter Celine, and chose Tauranga as their home.

In London Jean worked in investment banking and Kevin in Marketing for a medical statistics company. Jean was transferred to Tokyo where they lived for 5 years and experienced a very different culture and way of life especially as Celine was also born there. Kevin became a full time stay at home dad.

The week before the Twin Towers tragedy in the USA Jean was asked to move to the USA. After a lot of soul searching they headed off for another life changing experience. Almost 5 years later the decision was made to put down roots back in New Zealand and to be closer to family.

Celine attended Maungatapu School, Tauranga Intermediate and Tauranga Girls' College where she was active in music, underwater hockey and water polo, and coached swimming for a number of years at Greerton Swimming Club.

From the first day of moving into their new home in Tauranga they accommodated foreign students attending Tauranga Girls' College. Over the years they have remained in touch with many of them, with a number coming back to visit.

Having had the opportunity to travel to over 30 countries and live with other cultures and understanding the life changing experiences that came with that, they decided to set up an award to assist students to travel and broaden their outlook on life. The Acorn Foundation has helped them to achieve this and will ensure that the award is administered over many years to come.

Purpose:

The intention of this scholarship is to provide a financial contribution to a student(s) to pursue travel as part of their personal growth and impact for their life experiences, that they otherwise may not be in a position financially to do.

Ideally, the scholarship will be awarded to a **Year 11-12 student(s)** who has demonstrated commitment to the school's values (manaakitanga, mahi tahi and mana motuhake), can demonstrate financial need and a commitment to funding a proportion of the trip themselves, who have had limited travel experience, and upon return will 'give back' to the College by way of service and leadership. This year, the travel will be within New Zealand.

Due to the current COVID-19 considerations, the scholarship could also be awarded for equipment and/or devices for students who have a proven talent and strong work ethic, but whose families are struggling to be able to afford the equipment needed for them to pursue their ambitions. This might particularly be applied to families where employment/businesses have been adversely affected due to Covid-19.

Application and Procedure:

Student(s) may apply up to 12 months prior to the event, although the financial commitment is in the year the event takes place. Whilst the Award is intended for a senior student(s), all applications are considered on the strength of the candidate(s) meeting the set criteria. The Award may be made to more than one student who satisfactorily meets the criteria but will not exceed the full Award amount in total.

NB:

1. A budget **must** be provided in the application to indicate how the Scholarship money will be spent (for the purpose intended). This scholarship is a contribution of up to \$2000 with the expectation that the student will fundraise for any travel cost deficit and for other costs involved.
2. Student(s) shall apply using the template provided. An additional short video in support of the application is permitted.
3. Student(s) may only apply for this Scholarship once in any calendar year.
4. An outline explaining why the candidate feels they meet the financial need criteria is part of the application.
5. A character reference from a significant adult (not direct family member) should support the candidate's application. This could be a coach, staff member, or family friend.

Criteria:

1. The Scholarship can only be used for the purpose stated – to fund travel, or other costs associated with it.
2. Student(s) can identify in detail how they are demonstrating and are putting into practice, manaakitanga, mahi tahi and mana motuhake, both in *and* out of the College.
3. The applicant must indicate (in their application), with a timeframe, how they intend to 'give back' to the school – this could be in the form of organising an event; input into your Year Camp or similar school event; assisting with junior students etc.
4. The successful applicant(s) will be expected to write a report to be published in the school's newsletter/magazine, meet with the Award donors after returning, and/or speak at an Assembly. This will be negotiated with the successful applicant

Selection Process:

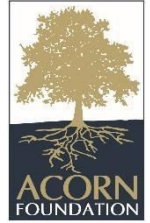
The Student Representative on the BoT, along with a Staff Representative with responsibility for student agency, will take responsibility for advertising the Scholarship. Once advertised, applicants are invited to apply in writing to the Senior Leadership Team. From here, a shortlist will be drawn up by the **Selection Committee**, who shall comprise a senior member of the college leadership team, a Staff Representative, and Acorn Foundation Representative(s). If necessary, an interview will take place.

The decision of the selection committee will be final. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing.

Timeline for applications:

By Monday 15 February 2021	Notification of applications for student travel award announced in the newsletter, student notices and website.
Friday 12 March 2021	Applications close 3.30pm
Friday 26 March 2021	Selection decisions made, interviews if necessary, successful applicant/s announced

Application for the Acorn Foundation Walters Family Scholarship



All applications must be returned to Principal's EA, Penny Arrowsmith at
parrowsmith@tgc.school.nz

by Friday 12 March 2021

Application must be accompanied by a **Character Reference**

Full Name of applicant:	
Current year level:	
Briefly describe the event that you wish to travel to:	
Please outline the prior experience (if any) you have that you believe makes you a good candidate for this travel award (including earlier results, competitions, training etc), and any prior overseas travel experience, eg holidays etc. Also, what differences attending this event will make to you. <i>Please use additional pages if required.</i>	
Please make clear how you have demonstrated commitment to the school's values (manaakitanga, mahi tahi and mana motuhake). Please outline, with a timeframe, how you intend to 'give back' to the school. <i>Please use additional pages if required.</i>	
Please outline why you feel you meet the financial need criteria: <i>Please use additional pages if required.</i>	

Approximate travel costs (please consider all travel costs associated with the event). Note this travel award has a maximum value of \$2,000.

Budget outline

Travel – within NZ:	
Entry Fees:	
Accommodation:	
Meals allowance:	
Uniforms/equipment specifically for this event:	
Other costs (explain):	
Total Cost:	

Please explain how you plan to cover these costs (family support, fundraising, part time work, savings, other scholarships, etc):

Details of person supplying attached character reference

Name:	
Email:	
Mobile Phone No.	
Relationship to person applying for travel award:	

Signature of Applicant(s)	
Signature of parent / Guardian	

NB: An interview may or may not be necessary, therefore, make sure to provide full information.

A short video of no more than two minutes can be submitted in addition to this application.