

PKF Stewart Russell Scholarship

Purpose

The PKF Stewart Russell Scholarship, administered by the PKF New Zealand Foundation, aims to financially support students from the Far North region (North of and including Mangonui/Hokianga) who are pursuing a degree in business or accounting. This scholarship honours Stewart Russell's legacy by fostering the next generation of business leaders in the region. A maximum of \$5,000 per annum will be shared across successful applicants to assist students to progress their studies in accounting or business by providing financial support towards their tuition fees, course related costs or living/relocation costs.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- be currently studying at a tertiary level towards an Accounting or Business degree; or
- be in your final year of high school (Year 13) and committed to pursue tertiary studies in accounting, and
- be living in the Far North region (North of and including Mangonui/Hokianga) or be able to demonstrate strong connections to the region.

Eligible applicants may be of any age and should demonstrate their commitment to the accounting profession.

To be eligible for living/relocation costs, applicants must:

- be younger than 24 years old on the 1st of January for the year the scholarship relates to, and
- studying away from home (more than 2 hours' drive from home)

Scholarship Details

- Amount: The base scholarship amount is \$1,500 per student, provided without any need for submission of invoices or further details.
- Additional Funding: The total scholarship fund available per annum is \$5,000 shared across successful applicants. Students can apply for additional funds during the year after the initial \$1,500 base scholarship.

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This requires submission of invoices or details outlining what the funds will cover, which may include:

- Tuition fees
- Course-related costs
- Living expenses
- **Renewal Eligibility:** Students who achieve a B+ average or higher in their studies may apply for the scholarship again in the following academic year.

Internship Opportunity

Successful scholarship recipients may have the opportunity to intern at PKF Far North during their study breaks, gaining practical experience in a professional accounting environment. For more information, please contact Kaitaia@pkffn.co.nz.

Selection Process

A scholarship committee will review applications and determine recipients. The committee will consist of:

- One representative from PKF Far North
- One representative from PKF New Zealand
- One Far North community representative

Application Process

- Applicants must submit a completed application form along with any required supporting documents.
- Applications will be assessed based on academic performance, financial need, and commitment to business or accounting studies.
- Applicants must meet an income cap:
 - If the applicant is under 24 years old, their parents' combined income must be below \$180,000.
 - If the applicant is 24 years or older, their combined income with their partner must be below \$180,000

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Key Dates

- Applications open 1 August each year and close 30 September.
- Successful applicant/s will be announced by mid-November.

Terms and Conditions

- The scholarship is open to students from the Far North region (North of and including Mangonui/Hokianga) enrolling in a business or accounting degree.
- The scholarship funds must be used for tuition, course-related costs, or living expenses as outlined in the application.
- Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrolment in their program.
- Any amount above \$1,500 will only be disbursed upon receipt of valid invoices or documentation of expenses.
- Recipients who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress (B+ average or higher for renewal eligibility) may not be eligible for future awards.
- The scholarship committee reserves the right to make the final decision on awards and may request additional information from applicants if necessary.
- The scholarship may be revoked if the recipient provides false or misleading information in their application.
- The committee may withhold awarding a scholarship if no suitable applicants meet the criteria in a given year.
- Marketing Consent: By applying for this scholarship, applicants agree that their name, photo, and details of their scholarship may be used for marketing purposes by PKF Far North, PKF New Zealand and the PKF New Zealand Foundation.

Contact Information

For further enquiries or to submit an application, please contact PKF Far North at kaitaia@pkffn.co.nz.



PKF Stewart Russell Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current Address: _____

Postal Address (if different): _____

Eligibility Criteria Are you currently studying at a tertiary level towards an Accounting or Business degree?

() Yes () No

OR

Are you in your final year of high school (Year 13) and committed to pursuing tertiary studies in accounting?

() Yes () No

Do you currently live in the Far North region (North of and including Mangonui/Hokianga)?

() Yes () No

If not, please describe your connection to the region:

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Academic Information Current or Most Recent Educational Institution:

Qualification Currently Being Pursued (if applicable): _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____

Most Recent Academic Results (e.g., NCEA, university grades): _____

Financial Information Income Eligibility:

If you are under 24 years old, is your parents' combined income below NZD \$180,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If you are 24 years or older, is your combined income (with your partner, if applicable) below NZD \$180,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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Supporting Documents

Please attach the following documents to your application:

- Proof of enrolment or acceptance into an Accounting or Business degree programme
- Latest academic transcript or school report
- Proof of financial eligibility
- A brief personal statement (maximum 500 words) outlining your interest in accounting/business, career aspirations, and how this scholarship will support your studies
- A reference or statement from a third party (e.g., a teacher, employer, mentor, or community leader) supporting your application

Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in disqualification or revocation of the scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by the application deadline, to PKF Far North at: kaitaia@pkffn.co.nz

Incomplete applications will not be considered. For further enquiries, please contact PKF Far North at kaitaia@pkffn.co.nz.



PKF Stewart Russell Scholarship Additional Funding Request Form

Applicant Information Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Eligibility for Additional Funding Have you been awarded the PKF Stewart Russell Scholarship for this academic year?

() Yes () No

Are you applying for additional funding to assist with (tick all that apply):

[] Tuition Fees

[] Course-Related Costs

[] Living/Relocation Expenses (Must be studying more than two hours' drive from closest parent's residence and be under 24 years old)

Please provide details on what the additional funds will cover:

Amount Requested Total Additional Funding Requested: NZD _____

Supporting Documentation Applicants must provide supporting documents for the additional funding request. Please attach:

- Proof of expenses (e.g., invoices, receipts, or quotes for tuition fees, course-related costs, or living expenses)
- Any other relevant supporting documents

Declaration I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in disqualification or revocation of the scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

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