

Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships

Two partial scholarships valued at either \$2,500 (semester program) or \$3,500 (year program) each, are available each year to students who are actively contributing to their community and making a difference to the people around them.

Applications for these scholarships are invited from Australia and New Zealand candidates who meet Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd's eligibility criteria. To be considered for a scholarship you must:

- ✓ be at school when you apply
- ✓ be in good physical and mental health
- ✓ have maintained the equivalent or better than a C grade average since Year 9
- ✓ (Australia)
- ✓ have achieved a National Certificate of Educational Achievement at the appropriate
- ✓ level, or produce a statement from your school about anticipated levels of achievement
- ✓ when the certificate is awarded (New Zealand)
- ✓ be mature and open-minded
- ✓ be flexible, adaptable, responsible and ready to learn
- ✓ be between 15 and 18 years old

and you must provide the following additional information:

- ✓ Complete the Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd application form according to the instructions detailed on the inside front cover of that form. Please note, you will also need to submit a \$500 deposit with the application.
- ✓ Prepare a 1000 word creative piece of writing entitled "My contribution to my local community and how I am making a difference to the people around me", which tells us about you, your family, your community, what you are doing that is making a difference to the people around you and how you will use the exchange experience to contribute to your community upon your return and into the future.
- ✓ Provide a reference from one community referee – s/he should use the attached form.
- ✓ Provide a reference from one school teacher – s/he should use the attached form.

One scholarship may be awarded for a January – March departure. The deadline for receipt of applications is **31 March** of the year prior.

One scholarship may be awarded for a July – September departure. The deadline for receipt of applications is **31 October** of the year prior.



Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarship Community Reference

An applicant for a Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd Scholarship has asked you to be a referee. We would appreciate you providing written feedback about the applicant below. Your comments, in conjunction with the applicant's full application, will help us to shortlist candidates. If you need more space, please attach an additional sheet.

Your name: _____

Your contact details: _____

Applicant's name: _____

Your role/occupation: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

How has the applicant contributed to the community?

Do you feel the applicant could handle living and studying overseas for a semester or a year?

Please comment further on the applicant:

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide the applicant with the reference in a sealed envelop so that s/he may include it when submitting the application to us.

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Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarship School Reference

An applicant for a Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd Scholarship has asked you to be a referee. We would appreciate you providing written feedback about the applicant below. Your comments on his/her activities in your school, commitment to his/her community, family orientation and how you see him/her giving back to the school upon his/her return from the exchange experience would be appreciated.

Your name: _____

Your title/role: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

School phone: _____

Applicant's name: _____

Comments on the applicant: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide the applicant with the reference in a sealed envelope so that s/he may include it when submitting the application to us.

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List of Volunteer and Community Involvement Categories

Students may be taking part in community life by being a member of a group, such as girl guides or scouts, they may donate or volunteer to help out a local charity, church or community centre. Or they may just take part in meetings and activities. There are hundreds of thousands of community groups that make Australia and New Zealand such exciting and diverse places to live.

Below are the categories an applicant for a Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarship could be involved in:

- Aged Care Services
- Animal Welfare
- Arts, Culture and Crafts
- Children and Family
- Community Centres and Groups
- Disability Services
- Economic Development
- Education
- Emergency Services
- Environment, Conservation and Heritage
- Faith and Spirituality
- Health and Wellbeing
- Historical Groups and Societies
- Hobbies
- Indigenous Services
- International
- Libraries
- Markets
- Media
- Multicultural Services
- Musical
- Older People
- Public Safety
- Recreation and Leisure
- Rural and Regional Development
- Science and Technology
- Senior Groups
- Sport and Recreation
- Support Groups
- Transport
- Veteran's Services
- Volunteering
- Women
- Youth Services