

Volunteer and Community Involvement Scholarships

Three scholarships valued at either \$2500 (semester program) or \$3,500 (year program) each are available each year. These scholarships recognise the contribution of students who are involved, willingly donate or volunteer within their community.

Applications for these scholarships are invited from Australia and New Zealand 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 (exceptions can be made for 14 and 19 year olds)

and you must provide the following additional information:

- ✓ Complete the relevant Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd application form located on our 'Downloads' page and submit a \$500 deposit with your application.
- ✓ Your scholarship entry titled "**Why I help my community and how I do it**" which tells us about you, your family and your community, plus where & why you would like to go on exchange. Your entry can be in one of the following formats:
 - Essay or Creative Writing (1000 words max.)
 - Video (3 minutes max.)
 - Photo story
 - Visual presentation

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.

List of Volunteer and Community Involvement Categories

Below are examples of some of 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 Centre's 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