

Farina Thompson Charitable Trust

Biography

The Farina Thompson Charitable Trust was set up in 1977 with a substantial donation from Farina Thompson. The Trust was also co-funded (at a later date) by various members of her family, inspired by her passion for philanthropy.

Throughout her life, Farina Thompson worked to support a number of children's causes, both in New Zealand and internationally. She was a quiet and retiring person, a keen golfer and enthusiastic cricket supporter.

Her major interests lay in the arts with a special fondness for supporting music and ballet. It was also her wish that this charitable trust be used to help those that are less able to help themselves, to support the arts that she loved and to provide funding to organisations that benefit the community.

Funding Application Guidelines

Under the terms of the trust deed, Farina Thompson directed the trustee to exercise their discretion to pay income from the fund to charities in the Canterbury region as the trustee thinks fit.

The Trustees have elected to focus on a particular sector each year in order to provide meaningful grants to recipients, rather than small grants to a broad range of organisations.

In 2015 the Trust is focussing on organisations involved in the performance and/or promotion of Cultural & Live Arts in the Canterbury region.

NB: Organisations in the Canterbury region only will be considered. Successful applicants will be given a fixed annual donation for five (5) years and will be eligible to reapply in 2020 for further funding in this category.

Period and Processing of Funding

- Applications to be considered as a recipient for funding are assessed annually. The next granting cycle will be from **1 June 2015 to 31 July 2015**
- All applications must be completed via the attached online application form.
- The length of the assessment process is dependent on the volume of applications and all applicants are notified of the decision. During the assessment period, trustees may request further clarification from the applicant regarding their application.

Regrettably, due to the number of applications we receive, we are unable to provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications. Please note the decision of the Trustees is final and not subject to any appeals process.