

# Perpetual Guardian 2026 Application Schedule

## Individuals

Funding available is indicative only and varies each year.  
 This schedule is for the purpose of planning and subject to change. **There are likely to be multiple updates in early 2026. We recommend checking the schedule frequently.**  
 Please check back regularly at <https://www.perpetualguardian.co.nz/philanthropy/grant-seekers/> for updates.  
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Opening Month	Funding Round	Who can apply?	Applicable Region	Sector	Funding objectives	Grant value guide	Amount
Year Round	Allan and Grace Kay Overseas Scholarship	Individuals	New Zealand	Research	To support the pursuit of a post graduate research course overseas in Agriculture or Veterinary Sciences	Recent grant range	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Year Round	Brian Johns Fellowship Trust	Individuals	New Zealand	Education and Research (Medical)	Awards for New Zealanders to develop further knowledge and interest in the fields of ear nose and throat medicine and to develop and continue research in these fields within New Zealand or overseas.	Total funding available approx.	\$20,000 p.a.
Year Round with two rounds in 2026 - closing 1 February and 1 July.	New Zealand Companion Animals Trust	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Animal welfare	The Trust supports projects beneficial to the community, those that provide care and protection to companion animals and projects that directly improve companion animal welfare and urban animal management. For more information including the types of awards available, please visit the Companion Animals NZ Trust website ( <a href="http://www.nzcat.org.nz">www.nzcat.org.nz</a> ). Closing dates are 1st Feb and 1st July annually.	To be confirmed	-
Year Round	Rose Hellaby Medical Scholarships and Grants	New Zealand registered medical practitioners and New Zealand organisations	New Zealand	Research and development	In the fields of rheumatic disease, physical medicine and manipulative treatment. Scholarships for registered medical practitioners for research and/or post-graduate training and experience overseas. Grants for New Zealand organisations to engage international or New Zealand medical practitioners to deliver lectures, conduct study courses and/or supervise training and/or research within New Zealand. Applications are open year round but for the most part are considered by the Board in May. If you wish to be considered in the funding round for the current year, please submit your application by 31st March. Please monitor carefully for changes as time-frames for applications may be amended.	Recent grant rounds range	\$11,000 - \$100,000
Year Round	Ted & Mollie Carr Medical Travel Fund	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Health (Medical Research and Education)	Facilitating international travel by medical practitioners for the purposes of research and education.  This Fund's priority objective is to enable overseas based surgeons and medical practitioners with specialised skills to visit New Zealand for short periods to impart their skills and techniques to New Zealand medical practitioners.  The Fund's secondary objective is to enable specialist New Zealand medical practitioners to travel internationally for short periods to work with other medical practitioners to improve their skills and techniques. Awards for this secondary purpose are infrequent and will only be considered if the proposal demonstrates a broad impact.	Recent grant rounds range	\$8,000 - \$20,000
Oct. Prior	William Chick Scholarship Trust	Individuals	New Zealand (and overseas)	Education	Scholarships to enable graduates of the Auckland University School of Architecture or other tertiary institutions located North of Huntly to undertake post-graduate architecture studies.	To be confirmed	-
Dec. Prior	Leonard Condell Farming Scholarship Trust (Farming Research Fund)	Individuals	New Zealand	Research	Scholarships for a Massey University student who wants to or is undertaking research in the field of agriculture at postgraduate or PhD level. For more information and to apply, visit the Massey University Website.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$4,000
Dec. Prior	Rose Hellaby Bursaries Scholarship	Individuals of New Zealand Māori descent	New Zealand	Education	For Undergraduate Māori students undertaking full time study for a full year, for the purpose of a profession which includes scientific, mathematical or technical skills. The closing date for applications is 31 May 2026. To find out more visit <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz/">https://maorieducation.org.nz/</a>	Range from	\$500 - \$1,000
Dec. Prior	Rose Hellaby Postgraduate Scholarship	Individuals of New Zealand Māori descent	New Zealand	Education	For Masters or PhD Māori students undertaking full time study for a full year in the fields of engineering, mathematics, science, technology or medicine. The closing date for applications is 31 May 2026. To find out more visit <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz/">https://maorieducation.org.nz/</a>	Range from	Approximately \$5,000 - \$20,000
Dec. Prior	Rose Hellaby Scholarship for Year 9	Individuals of New Zealand Māori descent	New Zealand	Education	For Year 9 students of Māori descent undertaking secondary education with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude, who require assistance to purchase school uniforms or textbooks. The closing date for applications is 31 March 2026. To find out more visit <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz/">https://maorieducation.org.nz/</a>	Range from	\$500 - \$750
Jan.	Alexander and Gladys Shepherd Scholarships Trust (Round 1)	Individuals	Taranaki	Education	For Taranaki students for the further continuation of tertiary education or training in the farming/agricultural sector. This round is for students up to the age of 21 already undertaking degrees or courses. Veterinary Science courses will not be considered for scholarship funding.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Feb.	Hicks Trust (Round 1)	Individuals	Waikato	Education	Fostering better understanding of the methods involved in the further development and improvement of systems of farming through scholarships for programmes at WINTEC. This round is open to students who are enrolled in a New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4) with strand in Rural Animal Healthcare in 2026.	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$3,600
Feb.	Kathleen Spragg Agricultural Research Award	Organisations & Individuals. Non New Zealand Residents may apply but must be conducting research in New Zealand	New Zealand	Research and development	For Research and Development Awards, the outcome of which provide a demonstrable benefit to the pastoral industry of New Zealand. Funding is for purposes relating to travel for research and development in soils, plants and animals and related areas to the pastoral industry. Two types of applications are eligible: - From individuals (scientists, technicians, advisors, consultants and/or students holding relevant tertiary qualifications). Undergraduate applications will not be considered. - From New Zealand institutions and organisations.  Applications must be for activities yet to take place.  Applications from those that are not New Zealand permanent residents or citizens may be considered, providing the work is: - Taking place at an appropriate New Zealand institution - Has clear benefits for the New Zealand pastoral industry and/or a clear plan to remain in New Zealand as a means of benefiting the New Zealand pastoral industry.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$5,000 - \$18,000
Feb.	Onuku Maori Lands Trust	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	For those studying full time or part time at a tertiary institute or university who are an owner or direct descendant of a current owner of the Onuku Maori Lands Trust or a beneficiary of a whanau trust.	Range from	\$500 - \$750

Feb.	Yvonne & Dudley Lorimer Memorial Scholarship in Horticulture	Individuals	Waikato	Education	Scholarships for horticulture related tertiary endeavours at WINTEC. Students enrolled in the following courses in 2026 are eligible to apply: - New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) Sustainable Horticulture - Applied Horticulture Services (Level 3) with strand in Arboriculture	Total funding available approx.	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Mar.	Dietetics Association of NZ Scholarships - Activity and Nutrition Aotearoa (ANA) Scholarships	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Supporting postgraduate study in indigenous public health. The awards focus on mahi that will enhance Māori, Pacific, and other high priority communities in Aotearoa.	Total funding available approx.	\$5,000
Mar.	Dietetics Association of NZ Scholarships - Neige Todhunter Postgraduate Scholarships	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Supporting postgraduate study in nutrition and dietetics. The awards focus on mahi that will enhance Māori, Pacific, and other high priority communities in Aotearoa.	Total funding available approx.	\$5,000
Mar.	Dietetics Association of NZ Scholarships - NZDA Travel and Conference Scholarships (Education Trust Award)	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Supporting professional development or advancement in an area related to dietetics, including research. That may be via work or study, attendance at conferences, or related activities in New Zealand or overseas.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$3,000
Mar.	Stewart Family Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	Preference is shown to Southland based activities	Welfare, health, research	For charitable purposes to assist people in physical or financial need due to age, illness, congenital defect, accident or misfortune. Research into the causes of these outlined areas will also be considered. Preference is shown to requests from organisations for Southland based activities.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,500 - \$62,500
Apr.	University of Auckland - School of Medicine Scholarships	Individuals	Auckland	Education	Scholarships for students studying at the University of Auckland School of Medicine. Priority will be given to applicants that illustrate financial/personal hardship and integrity.	Total funding available approx.	\$10,000
Apr.	University of Auckland - Students of English Scholarships	Individuals	Auckland	Education	Scholarships for students pursuing a relevant English qualification at the University of Auckland (Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts or higher qualifications) at the University of Auckland. Priority will be given to applicants that illustrate financial/personal hardship and integrity.	Total funding available approx.	\$5,000
May.	Jeanne Mary Webb Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	New Zealand	Religious Activities	For the activities of the First Church of Christ Science (with a preference to Christchurch), the Patricia A Fleming Fund and education (for individuals) within the Christian Science Church.	Recent grant rounds range	\$3,000 - \$6,000
Jun.	Tui Flower Foundation	New Zealand Organisations and Individuals with New Zealand Residency or Citizenship	New Zealand	Various	To advance knowledge and family care in home science, nutrition, household arts. Two types of applications are available: 1. Grants for NZ organisations (including clubs and groups) 2. Scholarships for NZ Residents and Citizens to undertake an aligned course of study or vocational training for example tertiary qualifications in baking, culinary arts, fabric and apparel science, food and nutrition.  Please note that disability services, religious organisations, organisations largely delivering services for the elderly and applications that are purely family care and welfare focused are unlikely to be considered for funding.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$7,500
Jul.	Hicks Trust (Round 2)	Individuals	Waikato	Education	Fostering better understanding of the methods involved in the further development and improvement of systems of farming through Scholarships for programmes at WINTEC. This round is open to students who are enrolled in a New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Level 4) with strand in Arboriculture or Amenity.	2023 - 2025 grant average	\$3,600
Aug.	David Johnstone Charitable Trust	Invited Waikato Schools on behalf of students	Waikato	Education	Tertiary education at Wintec and Waikato University for Waikato youth.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$6,000
Aug.	Legacy Performing Arts Trust Palmerston North: Representing the Evelyn Rawlins Arts Trust, Mavis & Beatrix Francis Arts Trust and Molly Atkinson Arts Trust	Charities & Individuals	Palmerston North	Arts / Culture / Heritage	For the benefit of individuals, groups and events pertaining to the performing arts within the City of Palmerston North.	Previous grant round range	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Aug.	New Zealand Nursing Fund	Divisions under Te Whatu Ora (former DHBs) / Health Foundations/Nurses	Wellington, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay	Health	Scholarships to support nurses, particularly in the continuation of their training and learning. Preference will be given to nurses who: - Are based in Wellington Central Hospitals - particularly cardiac nurses advancing their expertise in cardiac nursing OR - Are based in the Taranaki district or Taranaki Base Hospital, studying in any capacity OR - Have attended secondary school in Napier / Hawke's Bay / Havelock North and preferably undertaking a nursing qualification at the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT).	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$1,500 - \$2,500 pp
Aug.	Sinclair Cummings Trust Scholarships (Farming Research Fund)	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Postgraduate scholarships for veterinary (first priority area), agricultural or pastoral studies. Special consideration is given to endeavours aligned with high country sheep farming. For more information and to apply, visit the Massey University website.	Maximum per grant approx.	-
Sep.	Alexander and Gladys Shepherd Scholarships Trust (Round 2)	Individuals	Taranaki	Education	For Taranaki students to obtain further tertiary education or training which would be useful to them in the farming/agricultural sector. This round is for secondary school students up to the age of 21 years, intending to pursue their first year of education/training. Veterinary Science courses will not be considered for scholarship funding.	Range from	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Sep.	CHBC Fine Arts Scholarship (Jessie O'Marshall Arts Legacy)	Individuals	Central Hawke's Bay (Bay of Plenty)	Education	For pupils of either Central Hawke's Bay College pursuing a course of study in one or more of the arts at a recognised School of Art in New Zealand. Past pupils of colleges within the coastal Bay of Plenty area may also be considered.	To be confirmed	-
Sep.	Faye Kathleen Walker Scholarships	Individuals	Northland including Wellsford	Education	Supports females from secondary schools North of and including Wellsford undertaking science pathways at tertiary level next year. Examples of suitable courses include Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Environmental Science, Bachelor of Biomedical Science.	Maximum per grant approx.	-
Sep.	Frank Sydenham Scholarships	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Scholarship(s) to enable students to undertake bachelor or post-graduate level studies in horticulture or agriculture or forestry (or related subjects). Preference will be shown to students from within the statutory boundary of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, or students from outside that region who intend to utilise the outcome of their studies in the Bay of Plenty region or neighbouring areas. Preference will be shown to students wishing to undertake post-graduate study.	2023 - 2025 grant range	\$3,000 - \$20,000
Sep.	Gordon D & Mary R Vincent Scholarship	Present students of Christchurch Boys High School who will study medicine at a New Zealand University next year.	New Zealand	Education	Scholarship for Christchurch Boys High School students intending to pursue study at Medical School/University in New Zealand next year.	Previous grant round average	\$3,700
Sep.	John T Gibson Trust Scholarships	Individuals	Taranaki	Education	Scholarships for students undertaking agricultural or veterinary science courses at university. Funding is provided for the purpose of books for courses and other study assets where books are not required (laptops, literature). Priority is given to individuals who have attended school in Taranaki, followed by those undertaking tertiary study in Taranaki, or seeking to be Taranaki-based in the future.	To be confirmed	-

Sep	Roy & Enid Nicol Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	Te Aroha	Various charitable purposes	For charitable purposes (including educational) within a ten mile (17 km) radius of Te Aroha Post Office.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	Anstiss-Garland Charitable Trust Postgraduate Scholarship	Individuals	Wellington	Education	A postgraduate scholarship to support students studying social justice at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. Students studying Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, Law and Restorative Justice are encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply before the closing date, please visit <a href="https://www.vgtn.ac.nz/scholarships/current/anstiss-garland-charitable-trust-postgraduate-scholarship">https://www.vgtn.ac.nz/scholarships/current/anstiss-garland-charitable-trust-postgraduate-scholarship</a>	Total funding available approx.	-
Oct.	B K Otway Education Foundation - For Nursing Education	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Annual educational scholarships for undergraduate, postgraduate and masters education, linked to nurse based learning.	Maximum per grant approx.	-
Oct.	Grace Kay Scholarship	Individuals	Auckland	Education	Scholarship to support a female undertaking a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Auckland. Applicants must be between 16-25 years of age at the date the scholarship is awarded.	2022 - 2024 grant average	-
Oct.	Grumitt Sisters Charitable Trust - Performing Arts Scholarship	Individuals from specified schools	Rotorua	Education	Scholarships to support students from Western Heights High School, Rotorua Boys' High School, Rotorua Girls' High School and Rotorua Lakes High School to pursue drama or performing arts tertiary level.	To be confirmed	-
Oct.	NOW Trust Scholarships	Individuals (must be permanent residents of Niue)	Global (outcomes must impact Niue)	Education, conservation, environment	Scholarships for tertiary education that in time, will enable an individual to contribute to conservation, environmental resilience and sustainable development, and building local capacity for these focus areas for Niue. NOW Trust may show preference to applicants focusing on marine and terrestrial conservation. Preference will be shown to residents of Niue.	Maximum per grant approx.	\$30,000 per annum (one scholarship)
Oct.	Teviot Valley Education Trust	Individuals	Teviot Valley	Education	To enable further education for New Zealand residents within the Teviot Valley area (within 10 km either side of the bed on the Clutha River between Shingle Creek and Raes Junction, Central Otago)	2022 - 2024 grant range	-
Oct.	William Chick Scholarship Trust	Individuals	New Zealand (and overseas)	Education	Scholarships to enable graduates of the Auckland University School of Architecture or other tertiary institutions located North of Huntly to undertake post-graduate architecture studies.	To be confirmed	-
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Special Updates

Next Active	Funding Round	Who can apply?	Applicable Region	Sector	Funding objectives	Update
2027	George Dessurne Trust Fund	Individuals nominated by invited schools	Eastern Bay of Plenty	Education	For students from Eastern Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools under 20 years of age entering tertiary education with limited financial means.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
N/A	Kathleen Spragg Agricultural Research Fellowship	Individuals. Non New Zealand Residents may apply but must be conducting research in New Zealand	New Zealand	Research and development	For Research and Development Fellowships, the outcome of which provide a demonstrable benefit to the pastoral industry of New Zealand.  Eligibility requirements: - Applicants must have achieved a relevant Masters, PhD or Doctorate tertiary qualification, or have the equivalent career experience of research and development in soils, plants and animals and related areas to the pastoral industry. - The proposal must be for activities yet to take place (i.e. not for activities already carried out). - Applications from those that are not New Zealand permanent residents or citizens may be considered, providing they are carrying out the work at a recognised New Zealand institution and the work has clear benefits for the New Zealand pastoral industry and/or a clear plan to remain in New Zealand as a means of benefiting the New Zealand pastoral industry.	The Kathleen Spragg Agricultural Research Fellowship will not be opening for applications for the foreseeable future.
2027	Olivia Spencer Bower Foundation - Art Award	Individuals	New Zealand	Arts / Culture / Heritage	A 12 month award to support an emerging New Zealand artist (specifically, a painter or sculptor) showing promise. Preference may be given to artists based in Canterbury or with an artistic connection to Canterbury.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2026/2027	Otama Marere Trust	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Tertiary Education Grants to Owners and their descendants of the Otama Marere Trust (Paengaroa North A5). Visit <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz">maorieducation.org.nz</a> for more information.	Applications are managed by the Maori Education Trust. Visit the website: <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz/">https://maorieducation.org.nz/</a>
2027	Robert C Bruce Charitable Trust	Charities & Individuals	New Zealand	Environment	For afforestation projects of public land. Two types of grants are available: - Project grants (for organisations) for afforestation projects on public land - Research grants (for individuals) for research directly related to forests and afforestation. Applications are open until sufficient applications well aligned to the funding objectives are received. For this reason, please submit your application as soon as possible.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2029	Scientia Trust - Planet Earth Fund	Organisations & Individuals	New Zealand	Environment	Considers applications that encourage the study of earthquakes, astronomical motions, internal structure of the Earth and of the history of those studies.	Next scheduled to open in 2029
N/A	Spencer Mason Post-Graduate Scholarship in New Zealand Law	Individuals	New Zealand (Auckland)	Education	Scholarship to support a candidate for a Masters degree or a PhD at the University of Auckland Law School. The degree being pursued must include a thesis on some aspect of New Zealand Law. Applicants must reside in the Auckland Branch Area of the New Zealand Law Society and be graduates in Law of the University of Auckland.	These scholarships are now administered by TGT Legal. Please contact Tarsha Povall-Janse for more information.
N/A	Spencer Mason Travelling Scholarship in Law	Individuals	New Zealand (Auckland)	Education	Scholarship to support a candidate who wishes to pursue a Masters degree or a PhD at a university outside of New Zealand. Law Graduates living and working within the Auckland Branch Area of the New Zealand Law Society are invited to apply. (Graduates from all New Zealand Universities may apply).	These scholarships are now administered by TGT Legal. Please contact Tarsha Povall-Janse for more information.
2027	Trimble Agricultural Research (Travel) Fellowship	Individuals	New Zealand	Research	For the purpose of supporting overseas travel for scientists in agricultural research. Emphasis is on research likely to produce results of a nature that will have a direct application to the agricultural industry of New Zealand.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2026	Tui Flower Foundation	New Zealand Organisations and Individuals with New Zealand Residency or Citizenship	New Zealand	Various	To advance knowledge and family care in home science, nutrition, household arts. Two types of applications are available: 1. Grants for NZ organisations (including clubs and groups) 2. Scholarships for NZ Residents and Citizens to undertake an aligned course of study or vocational training for example tertiary qualifications in baking, culinary arts, fabric and apparel science, food and nutrition.  Please note that disability services, religious organisations, organisations largely delivering services for the elderly and applications that are purely family care and welfare focused are unlikely to be considered for funding.	Traditionally this application round has opened in October. In 2026, applications will open in June.
2027	Vernon Willey Trust	Individuals	New Zealand	Research (sheep & wool industry)	To benefit the sheep & wool industry of New Zealand via research and study.	Next scheduled to open in 2027
2026/2027	Whakapaupakihi 6 & 7 Trusts	Individuals	New Zealand	Education	Tertiary Education Grants to Owners and their descendants of the Whakapaupakihi 6 & 7 Trusts. Visit <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz">maorieducation.org.nz</a> for more information.	Applications are managed by the Maori Education Trust. Visit the website here: <a href="https://maorieducation.org.nz/">https://maorieducation.org.nz/</a> .