

The James (Senior) & Mary Garcia Scholarship 2026

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Applicant Personal Details

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Eligibility Criteria

The James (Senior) & Mary Garcia Scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Permanent residence is in the Taranaki, with preference given to former Westown Primary School Students. (Please note, you are eligible to apply if your usual place of residence is Taranaki but you plan to study outside of the region)
- Studying or intending to study **music** or **journalism**

General Terms and Conditions

How to apply:

To complete your application, you'll need to fill out the form and upload all required documents. This includes:

- Academic details
- Your proposed course of study
- Financial information
- Supporting documents (including references)

You can save your progress at any time and return later to complete and submit the application. Please ensure everything is submitted by the closing date.

Terms and Conditions: The following terms and conditions apply:

- Scholarships are to be awarded for one year only.
- Funds must be used towards study related expenses

The decision of the Trustee is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

Important dates

- Applications are open from 9am on the 1st of July 2026 to 5pm on 31st August 2026.
 - Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by the end of October.

Late applications will not be accepted

Contact us: Any questions should be directed to Public Trust either by emailing us at funding@publictrust.co.nz or calling us on 0800 371 471.

Applicant Details

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Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Suburb Town/ Postcode
 City

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Must be a New Zealand postcode.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Is this your first year applying for a scholarship from this Trust? *

- Yes
 No

Upload copy of your Birth Certificate, Passport or Driver's Licence

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Attach a file:

Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) Details

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Parent/Caregiver 1

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Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Occupation *

Address *

Address

Parent/Caregiver 2

Name

Title

First Name

Last Name

Occupation

Address

Address

Education, Academic and Career Information

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Please provide an overview of your most recent academic results *

Year 13 Mid-year report, university transcript or most recent results available *

Attach a file:

Proposed Course of Study

Please provide details of the qualification you propose (or are currently) studying towards *

Length of degree *

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Scholarship

What type of scholarship are you applying for? *

- Music
- Journalism

Please provide an overview of any music or journalism experience you have *

Did you attend Westown Primary School? *

- Yes
- No

If Yes - what years did you attend Westown Primary School?

Study and Career information

Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship and how do you fit the purpose of the Trust and criteria? *

Please tell us why you are doing your chosen course of study, what is your intended career and what you would like to achieve with your qualification and in your career. *

Financial Information

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Grants & Scholarships

Please provide details of any other grants or scholarships held or applied for including the value *

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Parent / Caregiver Earnings (compulsory)

This information will be used for the sole purpose of assessing financial need and is kept confidential to the Committee only.

Main Income Earner Before Tax (per year) *

Must be a number.

Second Income Earner Before Tax (per year)

Must be a number.

Any other Family income including Accommodation supplements, Trust Income, Self employed Income or Subsidies etc

Must be a number.

Confirmation of Income (Payslip, Salary confirmation or IRD Statement etc)

Attach a file:

Brief financial background of family: *

Please outline your proposed living arrangements and explain how you intend to support yourself financially during your studies. *

Use of scholarship funds

If you are successful, how will you use the scholarship? *

Eg. course fees, laptop, accommodation, etc.

How much are you applying for? *

Must be a dollar amount.

Maximum of \$5,000.

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How did you hear about the scholarship?

Please tell us how you found out about this scholarship *

Supporting Documents

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Please upload the following documents to support your application:

Cover Letter/Essay - including a brief description of your background, details of education, interests, achievements etc (1/2 to 1 full page long)

Reference - Please provide at least one written reference/s (from school Principal, Dean, Music teacher or employer etc.)

Cover Letter/Essay *

Attach a file:

Reference *

Attach a file:

Submitting your application

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Before submitting this application to Public Trust:

Please ensure you have reviewed your application and completed all the questions.

Please note that if you do not provide all the information requested this may affect the outcome of your application.

Declaration & Privacy Statement

In submitting this application form I acknowledge I have read the attached information sheet and accept any terms and conditions stated.

I agree that I will contact Public Trust Charities Team immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.

For the purposes of the Privacy Act 2020:

- I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is stored in the SmartyGrants database and will be held by Public Trust for the purpose of assessing my

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application to the James (Senior) & Mary Garcia Scholarship and/or any other conjoint Trust/s.

- I understand the information may be made available to other parties such as Committee Members in the course of enquiries regarding applications or in publishing the results of scholarships awarded, and third-party suppliers for related purposes.

- I acknowledge that if I do not provide all of the information requested, Public Trust may not be able to assess my application.

- I give consent for Public Trust to hold this information for no longer than is required in order to assess my application and to meet their legal requirements.

- I understand I have the right of access to, and correction of, the personal information held about me.

I have read and understood the declaration and privacy statement. *

Yes

Full Name *

Date *

Must be a date.