

## Information for students considering entering New Zealand Scholarship

Students who are considering entering for New Zealand Scholarship should read the relevant [Rules and Procedures](#) and note the following:

1. Any student enrolled in an accredited NZ secondary school may enter for NZ Scholarship on payment of the necessary [New Zealand Scholarship: Fees](#).
2. Not all NCEA subjects are [NZ Scholarship subjects](#).
3. Resources for NZ Scholarship can be accessed from the [NZQA subject pages](#).
4. NZ Scholarship assessment is based on the *New Zealand Curriculum* up to and including Level 8 for a subject, and not on the NCEA Level 3 Achievement Standards.
5. [Performance Standards](#) are used to assess NZ Scholarship.

### Awards

6. To be eligible to receive a monetary award a student must be enrolled in tertiary study in NZ. See [New Zealand Scholarship: Monetary Awards](#).
7. Students can be awarded NZ Scholarship as a single subject scholarship, or up to two single scholarships, whether in the same or different years.
8. A **Top Subject Scholar Award** is made to the top candidate in each scholarship subject. The NZ Scholarship marking system ensures students are marked against the Performance Standard, but also ranked against each other so the top student is evident.
9. The **NZ Scholarship Award** may be gained by a student who achieves three scholarships in a **single year**. A student may repeat a scholarship subject, even if they have already been successful in that subject, to achieve a cumulative award in a single year.
10. The **Outstanding Scholar Award** is made to the top 40-60 students who, in the same year, achieve three scholarships with at least two outstanding scholarships, or more than three scholarships, with at least one outstanding. This is the minimum requirement and the limit on numbers means achieving the minimum does not guarantee an award.
11. The **Premier Award** is made to up to 10 top students who have achieved at least three outstanding scholarships. Again, this is the minimum requirement and the limit on numbers means achieving the minimum does not guarantee an award. Commonly the Premier Award winning students have achieved between four and eight scholarships with the majority of those being outstanding.
12. The very top student in the country receives the **Prime Minister's Award for Academic Excellence**.
13. Awards should be claimed or deferred by 15 January of the year after the year of results release.
14. The NZ Scholarship Awards are presented at the Top Scholar Ceremony held each year in early May.