



AORAKI COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST BOARD

VAL PENTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction

This Val Penty Memorial Scholarship was set up in 2009 in memory of Val Penty who was a founding member the North Haven Child Care and Education Centre Management Committee and served as a member of the North Haven Committee from 1985 – 2008 and was the named Licencee for North Haven from 1995 to 2008.

Val was a strong advocate of education at all levels and had a passion for a lifetime of learning.

Purpose

The Val Penty Memorial Scholarship aims to encourage and support people based in South Canterbury, who want to train or are in-training to be a teacher.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist an individual with training costs through a payment towards study fees or course related costs.

Value of the Scholarship

In 2026, the scholarship amount available is \$1,000 which can be used to cover course related fees or associated study costs (for example childcare or travel costs for practicum).

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant will:

- Be currently training to become a teacher, or applied to retrain as a teacher as second career, or be returning back to the workforce after a period of time out of the workforce.
- Be a NZ citizen or resident.
- Have their principal place of residence in South Canterbury.
- Have been accepted for enrolment with a tertiary provider and be able to provide proof of enrolment.

Process for Applying

To apply for this scholarship, the applicant is required to complete an online application form which will include a statement (approximately 200 words) stating their motivation for choosing to train or retrain as a teacher in the education sector and how this scholarship will support them.

The online application can be accessed using this link or scanning the QR Code below

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2tTR8TNGh1>

QR Code:



Application forms can also be requested from:

The Trust Administrator

Aoraki Community Education Trust Board

Phone: (03) 684-6826 or 027 336 2395

Email: admin@aetb.co.nz

Application Deadline

Applications will be open from the 1st of March 2026 until the 31st of March 2026.

Decisions will be made by the end of April 2026 with, and reimbursement of fees or study costs paid for students who have already started studying.