

The John Burns Award for Courage and Perseverance

Application form

Secondary school, or undergraduate University students are invited to submit applications for financial assistance. Applicants must be undertaking a full-time course of post-secondary school study for a first degree, certificate or other tertiary qualification in the year immediately following the application.

History

This award is a memorial to John Burns, a Naval Officer, who died in 1967 after suffering years of ill health. The John Burns Award for Courage and Perseverance was established by Patricia Burns, John's sister, after her death. Patricia Burns wanted John's memory to live on, and for the recipients to know that success could still be achieved despite adversity.

The John Burns Award for Courage and Perseverance is administered by Public Trust. Recipients are chosen by the Advisory Committee comprising Public Trust and the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Purpose

To help fund post-secondary studies for students under the age of 23 years of age studying full-time and exhibiting qualities of perseverance and moral courage in the face of some adversity. The range of annual sums to be awarded will be from \$1,000.

Eligibility

- 1. Residential:** The scholarship is limited to students who have been permanently residing within Wellington City, Hutt City, Kapiti District, Porirua City or southern Wairarapa (within 60 kilometres of the Wellington Central Railway Station) in the three years preceding the application.
- 2. Financial:** An element of hardship must exist. Applications must be supported by details of the applicant's income and parent/guardian income.
- 3. Age:** All applicants must be under the age of 23 years at the time of the closing date, being 30 September. Once an applicant is selected the Trustee may continue payments to that applicant in future years notwithstanding that the payee has reached the age of 23.
- 4. Academic:** Assistance is available only for full-time students studying towards a first postsecondary school qualification in New Zealand.
- 5. Adverse Circumstances:** Scholarships will be available only to students who have exhibited perseverance or moral courage in the face of adversity, whether by reason of health, disability, family circumstances, or otherwise. The Trustee may call for records of previous scholastic achievements and such other references or reports as the Trustee may require supporting the application.

John Burns
STUDY AWARD

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Completing the application form

This application form is pdf editable, and you are required to type information into the application. Please do not handwrite on the application – this will ensure your application is easy to read and can be considered by the Advisory Committee.

Please complete the application form on the following three pages and provide the below supporting documents:

- > A certified copy of your Birth Certificate, Passport or Citizenship Certificate
A certified copy is a photocopy that has been stamped or endorsed by a person who confirms that the copy is a true certified copy of the original document. This person could be one of the following:
 - Justice of the Peace
 - Solicitor of the High Court
 - Notary Public (there may be a cost)
 - Deputy Registrar at a court (not all courts will be able to certify copies, phone to check first)
 - Trustee from a Public Trust office
- > A copy of your last school report or last years results
- > At least one written reference
- > Any other certification or information that would assist the Advisory Committee in considering the application

Please ensure the application form is completed in full (incomplete applications may not be considered). Your application and supporting documentation are to be submitted to funding@publictrust.co.nz by the closing date of 30 September. You will receive an email acknowledging that your application has been received. Late applications will not be accepted.

Outcome

The outcome of your application will be notified to you by 30 November.

Contact

Further enquiries, please contact Public Trust Charities on Ph: 0800 371 471 or funding@publictrust.co.nz

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Applicant details (to be completed by applicant):

Full name

Date of birth

Address
(state all addresses
within the last 3 years)

Email address

Phone number

Closest family

Secondary school:

Name of school(s) and years of attendance

Name of Principal at last school attended

Subjects being studied in current year:

Year	Subjects studied
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Please provide details of subjects studied in your last two completed school years:

Year	Subjects studied	Grades
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Post-Secondary Record (if applicable):

Year	Institution	Degree/course	Subjects	Grades
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Planned Study Programme for 2027:

Institution	Degree/course	Subjects	Grades
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Financial information:

Applicants are to provide confirmation such as a Payslip, salary confirmation or IRD Statement to support your application

(Calculate average if not paid weekly)	Before Tax (weekly)	After Tax (weekly)	Leave Blank
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Main Income earner -
parent / caregiver

Second Income earner -
parent / caregiver

Applicant self-earned
income

Brief description of adverse circumstance (e.g. health, disability, family circumstances):

Please provide this information separately if this space is not sufficient.

Name, address and occupation of two different referees (not related to you by blood or marriage):

Referee 1

Full Name

Residential Address

Occupation & association to you

Phone number & email address

Referee 2

Full Name

Residential Address

Occupation & association to you

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Declaration:

I have read the Terms and Conditions of this application and confirm the application is complete including the provision of all required supporting documents.

Parent / Guardian full name
(on behalf of the applicant)

Parent / Guardian signature
(on behalf of the applicant)

Date

For the purposes of the Privacy Act 2020:

- I acknowledge that the information contained in this application will be held by Public Trust for the purpose of assessing my application to the Patricia Mary Burns Trust 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.