

## Hillary Step Scholarship - Application for Funding

### About the Hillary Step

Named after the almost vertical 12-metre cliff face that Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay scaled in reaching the summit of Everest in 1953, the Hillary Step was the final and trickiest obstacle the climbers faced and is said to have pushed Sir Ed to his mental and physical limits. Today the Hillary Step is a metaphor for the challenges innovative leaders face and inspires youth, through adventure, to have courage in their convictions and an unshakable belief in their ability to achieve.

At Hillary Outdoors we strive to ensure all rangatahi have equal opportunity to learn through adventure, fulfil their potential and actively participate in their communities. By way of removing funding barriers to outdoor education we help level the playing field so that all young people are empowered to live a life they value.

### The Hillary Step Scholarship

Our Hillary Step Scholarships (HSS) support the wellbeing of youth in Aotearoa to develop by learning through adventure.

Based on one of Hillary Outdoors's founding principles of accessibility, since 1972, Hillary Outdoors has worked on the philosophy that all youth, regardless of their finances or ability, should have an equal opportunity to enhance their lives through outdoor education. The Hillary Step Scholarship programme helps make that happen for students and subsequently communities by awarding Scholarships to schools to help cover the cost of a Hillary Outdoors programme who otherwise might not be able to attend.

### The application process

While the HSS has been awarded by Hillary Outdoors to numerous schools since 2011, the formalising of an HSS application and award process is new.

By introducing an application process, we will be able to gain a much better understanding around the need for the Scholarship as well as the impact of it. This will allow us to set targets, clarify funding criteria, connect better with communities, and measure success. Most importantly it will enable us to funnel assistance to where it is needed the most.

The Hillary Step Scholarship programme is funded by grants, partnerships, and donations from a wide variety of funders including community trusts, businesses, and individuals. The funds we receive for a HSS are passed directly on to schools who demonstrate the need. Currently, many funders are particularly interested in supporting rangatahi Māori, Pacific young people, Rainbow young people, young people with disabilities, young women, young people living in the regions, and young people from ethnic communities, in particular those from a refugee and migrant background.

### Important:

- Please ensure you have a booking in place BEFORE you submit this application.
- Scholarships cannot be paid retrospectively.
- Generally, we don't fully fund school groups as we have found that students who fundraise part of the cost are committed to attending and will value their Hillary Outdoors experience more.
- Funders do NOT cover GST so a Hillary Step Scholarship for 1 student excludes GST and is currently worth **\$700 per student** for a 5-day school programme at either Tongariro or Great Barrier Island Centres **OR \$730 per student** for a Long Programme at our Great Barrier Island Centre.
- Please submit your completed online application as soon as possible and at least 3 months before your Hillary Outdoors final invoice is due.

Apply online here: <https://forms.gle/VoL7NPrByCNac2ot8>

Your questions or comments are welcome. Please email [lizc@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz](mailto:lizc@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz) or phone: 0800 688 843