

**Mangere-Otahuhu Youth Scholarships  
2018-2019  
Application information**

## Marara

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	None identified		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	New Zealand Tag20 U16GIRLS		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	To represent NZ at the 2019 Trans Tasman Tag20 tournament in Gold Coast Australia.		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	No	<b>Dates:</b>	n/a
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	n/a		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	n/a		
<b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b>			
<p>As I have always been a very shy girl, in 2016 I had the opportunity to attend Project K to help me achieve what I am capable to achieve. I can now confidently say that I have overcome obstacles and what to step outside the square and represent my country (NZ) at the tournament. I have participated in many volunteer roles with in the past year supporting and encouraging young girls thru my school or sporting codes who I am apart of to give it ago. Encouraging young girls to overcome their fear is a great feeling at the end. I am also part of the STAR mentor program within my school.</p>			
<b>How did you find out about this fund:</b>	Word-of-mouth		
<b>Are you involved with any volunteer activities If</b>	Yes I am a volunteer with sports organisations as a manager, trainer and sometime mentor.		

### Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Male	Māori, Tongan	16

### Financial information

**Amount requested: \$1,910.00**

<b>Other grants approved</b>
None

<b>Expenditure item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Flights	\$560.00
Accommodation	\$490.00
Insurance	\$40.00
Food	\$200.00
Entertainment	\$150.00
Uniform	\$195.00
Transport	\$195.00
Emergency	\$80.00
	<b>Total: 1,910.00</b>

## Shaneel

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	None identified		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	n/a		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	<p>I have always been passionate about improving the mental health of our Pasifika and Maori youth and a crucial part of making a change is raising awareness and this is where my project comes into place. I want to produce a short documentary that addresses different aspects mental health in Pasifika and Maori youth, accompanied by written portfolios of the participants. Mental well-being has been a sensitive topic in the Pasifika and Maori community for a long time and it continues to be that way, and this is becoming a leading factor on why Pasifika and Maori are not choosing not speak up.</p> <p>The documentary will focus on 6 to 8 young people who are based in South Auckland and tell their story in the most authentic way. I want these young people to be able to fully express their experience growing up Pasifika and Moari while juggling school, family and their mental well-being. The documentary aims to further explore how they've dealt with mental health issues, if they did, and if they received any help from their school, community or Government plans whilst researching into what kind of help they needed.</p> <p>To ensure that I will be capturing a diverse range of views in the documentary, I am reaching out to young people from age range of 14 to 24, young people who have an interest in the creative arts, academic fields and civics. The video will be launched at an event at a South Auckland venue following a facebook launch to be viewed by and shared with the wider community and the bigger goal is to have the film projected in a community space that accessible to all for a period of 4 weeks.</p> <p>The scholarship money will go towards paying for videographers, editors and the launch event.</p>		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	n/a	<b>Dates:</b>	n/a
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	n/a		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	n/a		
<b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b>			
<p>I am the current Youth MP for Manukau East which puts me in a place to represent my community at Parliamentary levels. It is a known fact that young Maori and Pasifika people are falling out of the loop holes in in government systems which needs to urgently addressed. I am passionate about making a change, I am passionate about decolonising our government, the government that has systems in place that systematically and fundamentally oppress minority groups. I am passionate about creating a government that represents the needs of their people, a government that is progressive, accessible and listens to all.</p>			

I strongly believe that my project will make a genuine and much needed change in our community. The first step to solving a problem is identifying we have one, and we haven't quite done that. My documentary will educate our community into accepting an issue that Pasifika and Maori youth are struggling with and therefore allow for open conversations and development of solutions.

I am a part of the Minister of Education's Youth Advisory Group where I have established that youth well-being is a priority. Advocating is one thing but getting into the community and doing the work gets things done. This is where my project comes into place, with the correct funding, I will be equipped to engage youth and adults in a way that is educational, purposeful and reflective of their values.

**How did you find out about this fund:**

Word-of-mouth

**Are you involved with any volunteer activities**

Youth MP for Manukau East and Finalist Youth MP for Mangere

Each member of Parliament select a youth MP to represent them and young people from their community. Youth MP's will submit potential topics to be discussed at Youth Parliament, deliver projects, engage with MP's, connect with their peers to understand their views on topics to be discussed at the two-day Youth Parliament event.

Labournesia

A Pacific Youth Group associated with the Labour Party Auckland Pacific Sector. We are aiming to get more of our brothers and sisters engaged and informed in a way that is accessible and reflective of our values.

2018/19 Ministerial Youth Advisory Group

Details: It is one of my priorities to remove isolating barriers from the journey of learners, so they can utilise all their potential. Too often, many students fall out of the loop hole in the education system, have little support and face failure when it is all avoidable.

Youth Advisory Group where I advocate the youth within our education system and ensure that their voices, that wouldn't be heard otherwise, are heard in the during policy and decision making. My role is very similar to that of a Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, however, I find myself representing a larger group of people that have been suppressed by the education system for a very long time. I believe it is imperative that the education system is rebuilt so it is not set up to fail groups of students who have great potential.

Peace Foundation - Leadership Group

Details: In 2017, I was selected to be a member of the South Auckland leadership group founded by the Peace Foundation. In this group, we identify problems in our community and find solutions to those. These solutions are developed into projects which are carried out by me and other members. Our recent projects have been focused on homelessness and promoting unity within our community.

Peace Ambassador/Peer Mediator

I believe that the well-being and mental health of a student is very important in the success of a learner therefore it is important that junior students in schools feel comfortable and safe. I have been a Peace Ambassador and Peer Mediator in my school for the last 2 years and

	<p>my role is to check in on students to see how they are coping with the transition from Intermediate to high school, whilst peer mediating, conflicts that may arise between students and guiding them to find a solution themselves that both disputants are satisfied with.</p> <p><u>Counties Manukau Health - Youth Actor</u></p> <p>Details: Beginning 2016, I also got myself involved with Youth Actors that required me to help train health professionals in how they need to work with teenagers.</p>
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## Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Male	Fijian	19

## Financial information

**Amount requested: \$ 2,000.00**

Other grants approved
None

Expenditure item	Amount
Videographers	Not identified
Editors	Not identified
Launch events	Not identified

## Jaksyn

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	n/a		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	n/a		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	To support my intention to participate, train over next 15mths, qualify and compete at IVF World Sprint Champs in Hilo Bay Hawaii from Aug 2020.		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	Yes	<b>Dates:</b>	n/a
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	n/a		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	2020 IVF Outrigger Canoe World Sprint Champs in Hilo Bay Hawaii. I hope to achieve rangatahi empowerment and leadership by role modelling to other young adults of what can be achieved through hard work, determination and focussed effort for this campaign to be successful. My personal goals include making top 8 V1s at Auckland Regionals in Dec 2019. Then onto Top 3 at Nationals in Jan 2020 leading up to Hawaii Worlds Aug 2020.		
<b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b>			
My journey in the sport of waka ama began in May 2017 aged 12. In Sept 2017 I competed and placed first (gold) second (silver) 3rd (2 x bronze) medals in the Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Outrigger Championships at Lake Kawana Sunshine Coast Australia. Immediately following this I went onto qualify at the Akld Regionals at Lake Pupuke Takapuna in V1 500m heats/finals. This enabled my position to compete in V1 500m sprint representing the Auckland Region at Lake Karapiro Cambridge. I placed top 11 in NZ Intermediate Boys 500m category. I train consistently 110% all year whilst being involved in community activities at major waka ama events all over the country (para kore initiatives and carparking).			
<b>How did you find out about this fund:</b>	Council website		
<b>Are you involved with any volunteer activities</b>	My whanau (myself, my older brother/sister & my Mum) have been involved with volunteer annual tree planting and pest control programmes throughout the Southern Sector parks region (Ambury/Hamlin Hill/Tapapakanga/Omana/Duders/Hunua Ranges) since 2007. Most recently I volunteered at a local wharekura/Marae based primary school to help setup and clear their vegetable gardens. My Mum and brother are from Volunteer Coastguard (Northern Region) within the last 10years.		

### Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Male	Māori	14

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## Financial information

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**Amount requested:     \$ 2,000.00**

Other grants approved

Expenditure item	Amount
Maui Kanu Vitea Carbon Waka	\$3,200.00
Travel to Mangere Bridge for V1 trainings 2xpwk	\$20.00
Travel to Mt Richmond for landbase 1xpwk	\$20.00
Travel to Otahuhu for gym sessions 2xpwk	\$20.00
Travel to Ian Shaw Reserve Mt Wgtn for W6 training 3xpwk	\$20.00
Travel expenses to Hawaii (Flights AKL-HON-HILO-HON-AKL/Accom 7 days.	\$2,899.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,179.00</b>

## Augustina

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	None identified		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	The University of Auckland		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	<p>My yearlong law papers have two required course books each with relevant cases and legislations all compiled together. There is also a prescribed Economics textbook for my last Economics paper for my Commerce degree that I am enrolled in for semester 2 2019. In addition, printing funds will assist in printing all of my exam notes and assignments that are assessed throughout the year. My laptop also requires internet protection and Microsoft software. I use my laptop to type up all of my notes in my classes and therefore am restricted when attempting to view lecture resources that require Microsoft word and PowerPoint. With my community involvement, family commitments and full-time studies, I am only able to work one day a week. My income can therefore cover travelling expenses, daily necessities and family expenses.</p>		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	Not application	<b>Dates:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	n/a		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	n/a		
<b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b>			
<p>I am passionate about youth development. This is evident in my commitments from working with students studying in low-decile schools to volunteering in my church youth. I had many mentor-mentee relationships throughout my adolescent years - one through the Nurture Information University programme 2015 and another in my church youth. The investment in my personal development continue to directly attribute to my achievements in my education and employment opportunities. Therefore with this funding, I am hoping that I can continue to invest in the development of young people in my generation and the next, particularly those pursuing further education. I am hardworking and reliable - I will ensure that this funding will not be wasted and will report on my progress with honesty and integrity.</p>			
<b>How did you find out about this fund:</b>	Word-of-mouth		
<b>Are you involved with any volunteer activities</b>	<p>I mentor a small group of year 11 girls from my church. This is my second year and as a result, I have witnessed a few of the more introverted girls developing their confidence to share to a group of people. As a former 2018 MATES senior mentor for Great Potentials Foundation, the interpersonal and communication skills have helped me greatly in my current community role. As a long-standing member of the hospitality team, I prepare morning refreshments for the guests and families attending church services. I have learned to adapt to the restructures of the church, for example learning to work with a smaller budget during a more difficult financial year. I have also led or</p>		

	assisted in leading our team in special events like baptisms and recently our Mother's Day breakfast. Must be no more than 300 words.
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### Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Female	Samoan	21

### Financial information

**Amount requested:     \$781.50**

Other grants approved
None identified

Expenditure item	Amount
Law 231 A Torts course book	\$38.50
Law 231 B Torts course book tbc, but estimated	\$40.00
Law 241 A Contract course book	\$38.00
Law 241 B Contract course book tbc, but estimated	\$40.00
Law 463 Advanced Topics in Criminal law course book	\$30.50
Prescribed Economics 361 textbook	\$166.50
Printing Expenses	\$100.00
Trend Micro Maximum Security anti-virus	\$89.00
Microsoft Office Home and student 2019 software	\$239.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$781.50</b>

## Elizabeth

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	None identified		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	<p>ONE4WORTH (O4W) is a new and vibrant company that endeavours to serve various communities across Auckland with empowering programmes that educate and emphasise individual worth using hospitality and creatives as a core part of this movement. In other words, O4W combines the gift of hospitality, faith and people! To date, we have held engaging events that empower our communities on specific themes such as faith, relationships, freedom, connecting and outreach as of yet. Majority of the funds for our events so far have been from own wages. Aside from this, we like to graze, make balloon garlands and just help deck events too. This year, we look forward to a few upcoming projects which we will work in partnership with Affirming's a works to bring about such as a high-tea party in the South, Open Mic night and more specifically Tautua. This application is for a project called Tautua which is a project I look forward to. The phrase 'Tautua' comes from the Samoan proverb "O le ala ile pule ole Tautua" which translates as "the pathway to leadership is through service. It involves workshops for our young people who need an extra push in the right direction. There are two aspects of to this 10 week programme which explore hospitality and well-being in the hope that they develop leadership skills, resilience, budgeting skills, coffee training, basic knife skills, front of house training to only name a few. O4W's vision is to magnify worth and our mission is to create safe platforms to express, empower and encourage. Tautua will take us one step towards achieving our vision. This is a needed programme especially for our youth who are currently unemployed, not in education or may not know what it's like to love or to be loved.</p>		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	Not identified	<b>Dates:</b>	Not identified
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	Not applicable		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	Not applicable		
<p><b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b>  I have never applied for a scholarship before nor a grant as I have always thought less of myself, thinking myself less than the other applicants. This time, I have been encouraged by the saying, "you have not 'cos you ask not!" Aside from all the community events under O4W that I have organised with the help of amazing friends and family, I have also been teaching a Sabbath School class at church, leading the Adventurer club at church also which is similar to a scout club where we teach life values and help kids to navigate childhood safely. I have highly involved myself in the preparation of community events that Affirming Works have held over the past few years. Something I've been taught by mum and still do to date is the act of service for our community, more specifically our neighbourhood. I remember as a kid, we had nothing, mum would sacrifice so much and ensure that myself and my brothers would wrap little presents for every kid in our neighbourhood! Even now, every Christmas I would be sure to at least have something for them whether it</p>			

be home baked cookies, famous Tongan drink called 'Otai or something materialistic to special words. Our neighbourhood now do the exact same in return even if it's just hugs and smiles :) Hopefully, one Christmas, I'd be able to hold a BBQ for our whole suburb - that would be crazy but so amazing!!!

<b>How did you find out about this fund:</b>	Referred to by Affirming Works Ltd.
<b>Are you involved with any volunteer activities</b>	I currently lead our Adventurer Club for the Tongan Penrose Seventh Day Adventist Church which I was only a teacher for in the past 3 years. We have approximately 50 students with very supportive teachers and parents as well as the church as a whole. I also teach a Sabbath School Class on Saturday mornings and am also one of the volunteers that share the children's story on the monthly basis at church. I have volunteered a couple times for a company called Recreate where we got to assist in the care of young people who have difficulties with their abilities but how good it is when you go in with an open mind and have had experience growing up with family members who go through the same. I have volunteered in the decoration and facilitation of a programme called Young, Free & Pacifika which focuses on empowering young Pacific women. It's amazing how far the programme has come :) I guess there is more I can do and have but for now, these stick out for me :)

### Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Female	Tongan	24

### Financial information

**Amount requested: \$ 2,000.00**

Other grants approved
None

Expenditure item	Amount
Programme stationary	\$1,000.00
Food and travel	\$500.00
Training gear for hospo	\$500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

## Chu

<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	None identified		
<b>Physical address</b>			
<b>Tertiary/ training institution</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Funding requested towards:</b>	<p>This application will support me to participate more in the community because I am currently teaching Karen language and culture every Saturday, attending publish/ community meeting and events, participating in New Zealand Karen Association youth activities, volunteer at Auckland Council events, youth fundraising and so on.</p> <p>I am currently an administrator for NZAK but still need to learn and improve my skills so, this scholarship will also help me to attend an evening course.</p>		
<b>Course/conference:</b>	Evening course at New Zealand Karen Association, Language School	<b>Dates:</b>	
<b>Why have you chosen to study this course</b>	<p>NZKA membership meeting on 25th of May. Organizing Wrist tying ceremony in August. I am organizing the NZKA new uniform t- shirt for our youth to represent us while doing volunteering works. Which is Auckland Council events e.g. ANZAC Day, Auckland International culture festival ect.</p>		
<b>What conference event will you be attending:</b>	n/a		
<p><b>Please let us know why you think you merit this:</b></p> <p>I started to volunteer in my community when I was 9 years old. I started to involve in youth and community activities such as cultural dance, team building, youth leadership and organizing community annual events and connecting the Burmese community with the local community. Since 2017, I was more involved in leadership and management roles in my community. I believe that I am one of a great role model for young people in my community because of most of my free time (i.e. weekend), I always involve and influence the young person to participate in community events to keep them busy and learn new things. In addition, I also organize youth meeting and discuss community development project. At school, I help newly arrived migrants and refugee students with their school works and support them to achieve their goals. My goal is to become an expert in community development and a great leader so that I can do more for the community and encourage them to help one another and become a good neighbor. To prove my commitment and leadership in my community I had received a BRONZE AWARD from THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S: INTERNATIONAL AWARD, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND / HILLARY AWARD in 2018. In 2019, I also received a Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Volunteer Award. Overall, these short summary about my journey shows that I deserved this scholarship.</p>			
<b>How did you find out about this fund:</b>	Council staff		
<b>Are you involved with any volunteer activities</b>	<p>Teaching Karen language at Karen school ( every Saturday at 10 am -1 pm school terms) Teaching Mangere college bamboo dance and perform at Polyfest (2019) Auckland international culture festival 2019 as a crew member Organizing The Race Relations Day at New Lynn Community Hall. Youth fundraising Mix it drama health council at Mangere College Red Cross at Mangere College Young's Reserve playground opening Organized Karen New Year Organized Karen Mata Day Organized Karen traditional wrist tying ceremony Organized Karen football tournament And the list goes</p>		

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### Demographics

Male/ female	Ethnicity	Age
Female	Karen	17

### Financial information

**Amount requested: \$800.00**

Other grants approved
None

Expenditure item	Amount
Food & traditional Martial for 200 people	\$300.00
20 youth T- shirts	\$200.00
annual transportation cost to and from events	\$100.00
Marital for NZKA Karen language school such as stationary	\$200.00
	<b>Total: \$800.00</b>

