

RETURNED MISSIONARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Congratulations! You have just served a productive mission. Welcome to the next stage of your “spiritual” progress – with the financial responsibilities of marriage. Perhaps your Patriarchal Blessing has already given direction on your “major thrust in life” – including your career path. You have been invited to apply for a Returned Missionary Scholarship. This would provide financial support -- to help achieve your goal.

Further education and developed skills, will enable you to take advantage of “inspired” opportunities. Remember, you would not be “prompted” with a promising idea – unless you are capable of putting it into practice. You should identify a specific “need” in your home country and then explain in detail how your chosen course of study or training would qualify you for a scholarship.

General Terms

Applicants must abide by these terms:

1. Applicant must have served a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
2. Applicant must reside in and be a legal resident of an RMS approved country (Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, PNG, Vanuatu, Kiribati)
3. Applicant must have a current Temple Recommend and attach a copy in the application
4. Scholarship will only pay for tuition costs only (will not cover registration, student fees, books or uniforms.
5. Maximum scholarship awarded of NZD 1,250.00 per school year.
6. Applicants will be enrolled or have completed *Education for Better Work* before submitting application.
7. Scholarship will fund one certification only.
8. Course must fill a local need.
9. Course must be taken in country of residence
10. An application must be submitted every semester for continued funding.
11. Invoice must accompany every application
12. Must provide a recent photograph with new applications.
13. Transcripts must be provided with every renewal application.
14. Only complete applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be returned which will delay the approval process.
15. Funds will be paid directly to the school.
16. Local Self-Reliance Services Manager **OR** Education Specialists/SR Missionaries are to provide first endorsement and ensure that all information & documents are complete before sending to the Area Office.
17. All applications should be sent to:- PacificAreaEducation@ldschurch.org
18. New & renewal application forms are available at <https://pacific.lds.org/sr-grants-and-scholarships>

Upon submitting an application, students agree to:-

1. Mentor youth in your ward/branch who are studying at secondary school.
2. Write a ‘thank you’ letter to the sponsor.
3. Attend a study group.

Application Checklist

New (First Time) Application.

- Education for Better Work certificate of completion
- Identified a local need for course study
- Current Temple recommend
- Recent photograph
- Invoice from the school

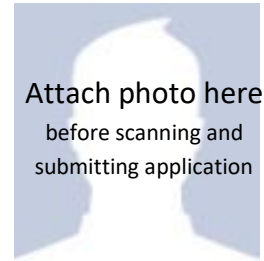
- Education for Better Work and My Foundation completion certificate (if not provided with initial application)
- Transcript from the school for previous semester
- Continuing study in the same course
- Current Temple recommend
- Invoice from the school

Renewal Application.

RETURNED MISSIONARY SCHOLARSHIP NEW APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT DETAILS

First Name(s)			
Family Name			
Birth Date	/ / <small>(Day/Month/Year)</small>	Gender	Male / Female
Membership Number			
Home Address			
City/Village		Country/Island	
Phone:		Email:	



MISSION INFORMATION

Name of Mission		Release Date	/ / <small>(MONTH / YYYY)</small>
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LOCAL NEED Use the space below to write about the **local jobs needed** in your country, how you will address that **need** through your educational programme and why the scholarship should be awarded to you. Use an extra sheet of paper if you require more space.

COURSE OF STUDY What educational program will you take that will fill this **NEED**? For example; accounting, carpentry, plumbing

School		Course of study		Expected graduation date:
Semester starts	/ / <small>(Month/Year)</small>	Semester ends	/ / <small>(Month/Year)</small>	/ / <small>(Month/Year)</small>
Code & Name of unit/paper			Semester	Cost per unit/paper (local currency)
TOTAL cost of study this semester				

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APPROVAL FOR THIS SEMESTER		
Approved / Declined	Area Education Manager	Date:
AMOUNT APPROVED		
Local Currency	NZD:	Exchange rate

SRC MANAGER or MISSIONARIES

Please review this application for accuracy and send it with relevant documentation to PacificAreaEducation@ldschurch.org

APPLICANTS PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I promise to fulfill my obligations and have attached a copy of the following:

- Copy of my **Temple Recommend**
- Copy of an invoice for this programme
- Copy of "Education for Better Work and My Foundation certificates" recognition certificate

I am willing to be a mentor to youth in my ward/branch who are studying at high school	YES	NO
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Name of applicant (please print)	Signature	Date
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PRIESTHOOD LEADER'S ENDORSEMENT

Ward/Branch	Bishop/Branch Pres. name	Telephone number	Signature	Date
Comments				

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SELF-RELIANCE MANAGER or MISSIONARIES

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SRC Manager / Missionaries	Contact details	Date
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APPLICATION GUIDE – New RMS applications

NEW APPLICANTS MUST FILL OUT EVERY SECTION OF THE APPLICATION AS DIRECTED BELOW:

1. CONTACT DETAILS

- a. **First Name, Family Name, and Country:** Please use the name you have enrolled under at the school you will be attending.
- b. **Birthdate:** Use day/month/year format
- c. **Membership #:** This can be found on your temple recommend
- d. **Home Address or box office:** If not street or house number, Village or town is sufficient
- e. **Phone number:** This must be a phone number we can contact you on should we need to get more information
- f. **Email address:** This must be an email address you check regularly
- g. **Photograph:** You must attach a recent photograph to the application (*New applications only*)

2. MISSION INFORMATION

- a. **Mission Name:** Write in the name of the mission where you served
- b. **Release Date:** Enter the date you were released from your mission.

3. LOCAL NEED

The donor will read this information and likes to know how you will make a difference to your country. Write about the local need and how you will address this need by attending the education program you are applying for the scholarship. For example, *“there is a need in Tonga for accountants. I want to go to school to be an accountant because I like working with numbers and I know I could help a business become stronger by my employment etc.”* **Be specific.** Do NOT use generic statements like “It will help me be self-reliant and pay for my family”.

4. COURSE OF STUDY

- a. **School:** Name of the school where you will attend e.g. USP
- b. **Course of Study:** You need to enter the FINAL certification you wish to achieve e.g. *Certificate IV in Welding & Fabrication or Bachelor of Education*. If you only enter Foundations, you only receive a scholarship to complete your Foundation courses. **Think Ahead. Know what you want and set the goal to achieve it.** If you need help deciding what course to take please see the Self-Reliance Manager or Missionaries.
- c. **Expected graduation date:** This is the date you think you will graduate from your chosen course of study e.g. if you start a 2 year program in January 2016 you would write down your expected graduation dates as December 2017 (2 years after you started your course).
- d. **Semester Starts and Semester Ends:** Enter the date the semester starts and when the semester ends e.g. Start day is 19 January 2016. Semester end date is 24 June 2016
- e. **Code & Name of unit/course:** Write the course code (provided by the school) and name of the class. **Do not** write *“see attached invoice”* you must write in each class in this section. Include which semester you will be taking this class and the cost for each of the classes. Add up the cost of all the courses and put this amount in the “Total cost of study this semester”.

5. PERSONAL COMMITMENT

- a. **Temple Recommend:** You must attach a copy of your recommend where the image of the Temple appears on page 2 of the application.
- b. **Invoice:** You must provide a copy of the invoice from the school for the course of study you have chosen
- c. **Certificates:** You must provide a copy of your Education for Better Work completion certificate. Your application will not be processed if you do not provide this information.

d. **Mentor:** You must agree to be a mentor to youth in your ward/branch

6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

a. You must write your full name, sign and enter the date

7. PRIESTHOOD LEADER'S ENDORSEMENT

- a. Your Bishop or Branch President must write the name of the ward
- b. Your Bishop or Branch President must write his full name
- c. Bishop or Branch President must provide a phone number he can be contacted on
- d. He must sign the form
- e. He must date the form
- f. He should then write some comments about you in the field provided.

8. OFFICE USE ONLY

- a. This section is for the Self-Reliance manger, SR missionaries or Area Education Manager to complete. **You do not need to enter any information here.**
- b. SR Managers or Missionaries are responsible to check the application for completeness. Once satisfied, they should sign and date the application.
- c. SR Manager or Missionaries should then scan the accurate, complete application to the Pacific Area Education email address: PacificAreaEducation@ldschurch.org.