

2024 ACORN FOUNDATION STUDENT FINANCIAL GRANT

Acorn Foundation BOP Medical Students Financial Grant – Application form

Grants will be awarded on the basis of financial need and academic commitment.

Criteria:

- Fulltime students only are eligible and must be in the **3rd year or more** of medical study.
- You need to be eligible for study-link, be able to demonstrate hardship and your need for financial assistance.
- Only students who **attended secondary school in the region covered by Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty** for a minimum of 2 years qualify (i.e. Western BOP, Eastern BOP incl. Kawerau but not including Rotorua).
- You must be studying in 2025.

| | |
|--|--|
| Student details: | <i>Please use CAPITALS and tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> relevant boxes</i> |
| Surname | _____ |
| First names | _____ |
| Preferred first name | _____ |
| Part A: Personal Details | |
| Date of Birth eg 26-Feb-89 | _____ |
| Country of Birth | _____ |
| Citizenship(s) | _____ |
| If not a NZ or Australian citizen, are you a Permanent Resident of NZ? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gender | Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ethnicity/descent (you can select more than 1) | European <input type="checkbox"/> Maori <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Pasifika <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| Current University | _____ |
| Programme eg MBChB, BHSc | _____ |
| Secondary school attended in BOP region | _____ |
| Year of Study (at time of application for grant) | _____ |
| Email address | _____ |
| Mobile Phone Number | _____ |

CLOSING DATE: 4 October 2024

Part B: Hardship details

Please provide an overview of your financial circumstances, available family support, and include what you are doing to try to improve your financial situation. You may attach evidence of your financial circumstances – all details will remain confidential, and will be destroyed following the decision made:

Part C: Student's Agreement

- I confirm that I am a current medical student and that I have financial hardship circumstances.
- The detail provided in this application and in my CV is accurate.
- If successful I agree to provide a photo for publication.

I have attached the following:

- My CV, evidence of study-link eligibility, medical student status and 2x character written references.

Student's signature: _____
(return email of form will be accepted without signature)

Date: _____

**Please return by email to
Sandra.peter@bopdhb.govt.nz by 4 October 2024**

**Thank you for your application. Notification of outcome will be a return email by
18 October 2024, and payment made by 1 November 2024.
Please note the total grant awarded will be up to \$4,500 distributed between students.**

HISTORY OF THE HARDSHIP GRANT

In 1976, at the suggestion of the NZ Medical Association (BOP branch), a group of Tauranga doctors established a fund in memory of Dr John Mark, who was a well-known and respected local General Practitioner until the 1950s. This fund was set up to help financially disadvantaged medical students from the Bay of Plenty region. The NZMA administered the fund, and in 1998 the first grant of \$300 was approved.

The scholarship helped several medical students over the years, but by 2007, with many of the original committee retiring, it was felt that it would be better administered by the Acorn Foundation. The Trust was wound up and the new Bay of Plenty Medical Students Scholarship fund was established with Acorn.

In 2009 the assets of the BOP Post Graduate Medical Foundation Trust were added to this fund, which is now helping to train the next generation of doctors in this region, continuing John Mark's legacy.