



## **AORAKI COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST BOARD**

### **VAL PENTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Introduction**

This Val Penty Memorial Scholarship was set up in 2009 in memory of Val Penty who was a founding member the North Haven Child Care and Education Centre Management Committee and served as a member of the North Haven Committee from 1985 – 2008 and was the named Licencee for North Haven from 1995 to 2008.

Val was a strong advocate of education at all levels and had a passion for a lifetime of learning.

#### **Purpose**

The Val Penty Memorial Scholarship aims to encourage and support people based in South Canterbury, who want to train or are in-training to be a teacher.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist an individual with training costs through a payment towards study fees or course related costs.

#### **Value of the Scholarship**

In 2026, the scholarship amount available is \$1,000 which can be used to cover course related fees or associated study costs (for example childcare or travel costs for practicum).

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant will:

- Be currently training to become a teacher, or applied to retrain as a teacher as second career, or be returning back to the workforce after a period of time out of the workforce.
- Be a NZ citizen or resident.
- Have their principal place of residence in South Canterbury.
- Have been accepted for enrolment with a tertiary provider and be able to provide proof of enrolment.

### **Process for Applying**

To apply for this scholarship, the applicant is required to complete an online application form which will include a statement (approximately 200 words) stating their motivation for choosing to train or retrain as a teacher in the education sector and how this scholarship will support them.

The online application can be accessed using this link or scanning the QR Code below

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2tTR8TNGh1>

QR Code:



Application forms can also be requested from:

The Trust Administrator

Aoraki Community Education Trust Board

Phone: (03) 684-6826 or 027 336 2395

Email: [admin@aetb.co.nz](mailto:admin@aetb.co.nz)

### **Application Deadline**

Applications will be open from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026.

Decisions will be made by the end of April 2026 with, and reimbursement of fees or study costs paid for students who have already started studying.