SHARP TUDHOPE LAWYERS
LAW SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Sharp Tudhope law student scholarship has been developed to support a Tauranga student who has demonstrated academic ability and leadership and is enrolled to study Law at a New Zealand University.

VALUE

$10,000 cash contribution - to be paid in two parts:

$3,000 on successfully gaining entrance to a New Zealand university with the intention to study law; and $7,000 to be paid on successfully being accepted into Law Part II (proof of admission is required).

Work experience - upon completion of the second year of study, the recipient will be invited to join Sharp Tudhope during the summer break to undertake paid work experience.

Mentor – the scholarship recipient will be matched with a mentor from Sharp Tudhope who will be available to support the student during their studies. The mentor will meet the recipient at the end of Year 13 and have one meeting each six months either in person or via zoom.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
2. Must be in Year 13 at an eligible school – **see Appendix 1**
3. Will have achieved at least NCEA Level 2 endorsed with merit, or equivalent
4. Must enroll for full-time study in the year following application with the and the intention to pursue a law degree at a New Zealand University.

Sharp Tudhope will also assess eligibility by considering leadership potential and community involvement.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on the closing date.

All offers of the Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient being fully enrolled in a full-year programme within the stipulated criteria and tenure of the Scholarship.

Applicants are expected to have their NCEA Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Merit, or equivalent in another qualification.

The Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient gaining NCEA Level 3 with at least 25 credits at Merit or Excellence (or equivalent in another qualification), University Entrance and admission to their degree programme.

The Scholarship must be taken up for the year following acceptance.

Should the recipient withdraw from their chosen university during the tenure of this Scholarship or fail to achieve satisfactory progress, partial repayment of the Scholarship will normally be expected. Recipients must advise Sharp Tudhope Lawyers if they intend to withdraw. Transferring studies to an equivalent LLB programme at another university in the first or second year of study may be acceptable, but approval will need to be given by Sharp Tudhope.

PAYMENT

The first payment of $3,000 will be made to the individual once Sharp Tudhope have received satisfactory proof of acceptance and full enrolment into an undergraduate degree at a NZ university (including summary of courses enrolled for).

The second payment of $7,000 will be made to the University once Sharp Tudhope have received satisfactory proof of acceptance, and full enrolment, into Law School (Law Part II) (you will be asked to download and send a copy of your academic record showing the second year courses enrolled for and the grades attained during your first year of study).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Provided the above terms and conditions of this scholarship are met (e.g. the candidate is achieving satisfactory progress at university):

The candidate will be offered paid work experience in the summer period following the completion of their second year of study at university (i.e. following completion of the first year of law school). Specific start and end dates will be negotiated with the candidate but are likely to fall approximately around the period from late November to Christmas closedown, and then again from mid January to the beginning of February. The candidate will be remunerated according to the level of work they are capable of undertaking. Sharp Tudhope's usual employment practices and NZ law will apply.

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APPENDIX 1

ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

- ACG
- Aquinas College
- Bethlehem College
- Katikati College
- Mount Maunganui College
- Otumoetai College
- Papamoa College
- Tauranga Boys College
- Tauranga Girls College
- Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Kura Kokiri
- Te Puke High School
- Te Wharekura o Mauao
- Waihi College

2026 KEY DATES

3 August: Applications open

31 August: Applications close 5pm

4 September: Evaluation of applications and shortlist

7 - 18 September: Interviews

21 September: Scholarship recipient chosen.

November: Award ceremony (School prizegiving) and meet your mentor