**New Zealand Contemporary Art Award**

**Sponsored by the NZ Contemporary Art Trust**

**PURPOSE**

This award arises from an endowment from the NZ Contemporary Art Trust and is intended to foster greater understanding of and engagement with contemporary art in New Zealand, and encourage awareness of the benefits of art to society. The Award is available for a student enrolled in the third year or above of a degree or post-graduate degree in a visual art-related discipline at an NZQA-accredited tertiary institute in the Auckland/Northland region, who is engaged in work/research that explores the relationship between art and society. Applicants do not need to be art practitioners and applications are welcome from those who are engaged in study relating to any aspect of the visual art sector. The Award can be used to contribute to student fees and/or living costs. Thanks to the generosity of Toi o Tāmaki Auckland Art Gallery, the Award also includes a 12-month membership to the Gallery.

**CLOSING DATE: 4 November 2025**

**REGULATIONS**

1. One Award of $5,000 will be available for offer annually along with a 12-month membership to Toi o Tāmaki Auckland Art Gallery.
2. Applicants for the NZ Contemporary Art Award must be:
   1. New Zealand Citizens or **Permanent** Residents;
   2. intending to enrol full-time in the third year or above of a Bachelor or Post-Graduate Degree relating to the Arts sector, for the following academic year.
3. In making these awards, the selection committee may give consideration to:
   1. the applicant’s commitment to a career in the visual arts sector;
   2. the applicant’s personal statement (of no more than 300 words) explaining why they have chosen their area of study;
   3. the applicant’s academic record; (for the purpose of this award, academic merit will be assessed from the GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of graded study (or equivalent));
   4. the applicant’s referee’s report;
   5. the applicant’s need for financial assistance;
   6. the applicant’s Māori and/or Pasifika background, however students from all backgrounds will be considered;
   7. any special circumstances, e.g. family responsibilities, personal disability, considered relevant.
4. Each applicant for these awards must submit her application on the current prescribed application form, together with:
5. a certified copy or statutory declaration of her academic record. (This can be in the form of a certified digital document from the tertiary institution);
6. a certified copy of evidence of status as a New Zealand Citizen or **Permanent** Resident;
7. confirmation that a confidential reference has been sought from one referee.

**“Certified copy” means a copy of the original certified as true by an appropriate authority (for example, Academic Registrar, Head of Department, Study Supervisor, or Justice of the Peace).**

**A “Statutory declaration” must be made before a Justice of the Peace or Solicitor on the appropriate form.**

1. Each application for these awards must include the name of at least one academic referee from whom a confidential reference may be sought.
2. These awards may be held concurrently with an award of equal or higher value if the regulations for that award so permit.
3. The NZ Contemporary Art Award shall be paid in one instalment directly to the awardee on presentation of a fees invoice showing enrolment as a full-time third year or higher-level student at an approved tertiary institute.
4. The successful applicant is required to complete his/her year of study and make a brief report at the end of this study. Failure to complete two full consecutive semesters may require refund of the full value of the award.
5. A successful applicant is entitled to apply for the award for subsequent academic years.

**APPLICATIONS AND ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries to: [awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz](mailto:awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz)

Please scroll down for the application form.

Please send your completed application by email attachment plus scanned copies of 4 a) and b) above to: [awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz](mailto:awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz);

All applications will receive an email confirming that the application has been received. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Awards Coordinator at [awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz](mailto:awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz)

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Application Form

All information provided is confidential

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Click here to enter text.

Student ID number: Click here to enter text.   
Mobile: Click here to enter text.

Personal Email: Click here to enter text.

University Email: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Date of Birth: Click here to enter text.

Ethnicity(optional): Click here to enter text.

How did you hear about this award: Click here to enter text.

Will you be a full-time student next year? Choose an item.

What year of study will you be in? Click here to enter text.

Are you a New Zealand citizen? Choose an item.

Are you a Permanent Resident of New Zealand? Choose an item.

**Please supply a certified copy of evidence of your citizenship status: a birth certificate, citizenship certificate or relevant passport pages (e.g. if you are a Permanent Resident, you must supply a copy of your Permanent Resident Visa). If you are offered an award, you will be required to prove that you are enrolled as a full-time student for the duration of the award.**

1. ACADEMIC GOALS

What degree will you be enrolled in next year? Click here to enter the name of your qualification.

What is your major? Click here to enter your major(s)

Where are you studying? Click here to enter the name of the tertiary institute where you are studying.

What is your expected date of completion of this degree? Click here to enter a date.

Please provide details about any other scholarships, bursaries, or awards you currently hold, including paid study leave. Click here to list/outline other awards you have been given.

**Please attach a certified copy of your up-to-date official transcript.**

1. FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

What sources of income/funding do you have or hope to have to assist you in funding your studies?(e.g. income support, student allowance, student loan, partner, paid employment, other awards or scholarships etc.)

Click here and write up to 300 words.

Please note any special circumstances (family, personal, or financial) that could be considered as part of your application. These could include number and ages of children, parenting status, health/disability status, your debt situation:

Click here and write up to 300 words.

1. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Briefly explain why you have chosen this course of study, and include an explanation of how your study/research contributes to an understanding of the relationship between art and society.

Click here and write up to 500 words.

1. REFERENCE

You need to ask one member of academic staff to provide a confidential email reference using the form on the next page. Enter the details of the academic staff member here:

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| Name  Click here to enter text. | Email address  Click here to enter text. |

FINAL CHECK

Please check each statement to confirm you have met all requirements:

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| I have read the purpose and regulations of the award |  |
| I am a full-time student |  |
| I have given full details in every section |  |
| I have enclosed all the supporting documents required, including proof of Permanent Residency or citizenship and academic results |  |
| I have asked one referee to email a confidential report |  |

(N.B. A Statutory Declaration is available at the end of this application form.)

**The Selection Panel will NOT consider applications that do not contain the required information.**

Please keep a copy of your application.

Your signature: Date: Click here to enter a date.

Please send this completed application form, certified copies of your official academic record or downloaded unofficial transcripts accompanied by a statutory declaration, and evidence of New Zealand Citizenship or Permanent Residency, by:

* Email attachment to [awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz](mailto:awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz)

**Closing date: 4 November 2025**

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Reference

The purpose of the New Zealand Contemporary Art Trust Award is to assist a student to carry out full-time study in an arts-related area at an approved Institute in the Auckland area. All information supplied is confidential to those involved in the selection procedures.

Please complete the following form and e-mail to [awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz](mailto:awards@kateedgerfoundation.org.nz) using the subject line ‘New Zealand Contemporary Art Trust Award’.

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| **Applicant** | **Referee** |
| Name: Click here to enter applicant’s name. | Name: Click here to enter referee’s name. |
|  | Institute: Type name of tertiary institute. |
|  | Department: Click here to enter department. |
|  | Position: Click here to enter job position. |

As you have had an opportunity to form a view of the applicant’s work, study and progress, we invite you to comment on the applicant’s commitment to her work, research ability, potential and any other relevant comments:

Click here to enter text.

How long have you known the applicant?

Click here to enter text.

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

Click here to enter text.

Signed: Date: Click here to enter a date.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

For downloaded documents

**I**

Click here to enter your full legal name

**of**

Click here to enter your residential address.

Click here to enter your profession, for example, bricklayer, teacher, unemployed.

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