

“SPIRIT OF NZ” GRANT - ST MATTHEW’S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OLD GIRLS’ ASSOCIATION (“SMOGA”)

Terms and Conditions:

OVERVIEW

The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant is open to either:

- Any student who is 16 years and over that is a **daughter, niece or granddaughter** of an Old Girl (The Old Girl must be a fully paid SMOGA Member and have attended St Matthew’s Collegiate School for a minimum of 2 full school years.), or
- Any **student of St Matthew’s Collegiate** from Year 12 and 13 who joins SMOGA.

The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant selection process will be based on a random ballot process.

The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant will only be awarded in years when there are sufficient funds in the SMOGA “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant Fund.

The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant value is currently \$2,500 per year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. All Applications are to be made on the “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant Application Form which can be found on the St Matthew’s Collegiate School website under SMOGA “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant.
2. Applications for the Grant will close on 17th November in each year that SMOGA that it is offered.
3. The “Spirit of New Zealand” ballot process will take place before the end of Term 4.
4. The Principal of St Matthew’s Collegiate School will announce the name of the applicant who is to be awarded the “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant no later than the St Matthews Collegiate School final assembly in Term 1 (unless all applicants are otherwise advised).

CONDITIONS

1. The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant is available for a voyage of the Spirit of New Zealand only.
2. The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant entitles the holder to use the grant for payment of her voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand. The grant covers the full voyage costs (presently \$2,500 incl GST but subject to change), however transport and accommodation costs (if required) to travel to and from the voyage are not covered by the Grant. The Grant Recipient (or their parents/caregivers) must cover these costs themselves.
3. The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant is not transferrable.
4. The “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant must be used:
 - within a year of award; and,
 - before the Grant Recipient turns 19 years old.If circumstances mean that the Grant Recipient is unable to find a suitable voyage date within a year of the Grant being awarded, the Grant Recipient must contact the President of SMOGA to agree an extended deadline. Such contact must take place within 2 months of the one-year anniversary of the award being given. SMOGA may at its sole discretion allow the Grant recipient an extension.

5. Should a grant holder's circumstance change, and they not wish to undertake the voyage they must notify the President of SMOGA in writing prior to the end of Term 2.
6. If a holder of the "Spirit of New Zealand" Grant is issued a "stand down" or "exclusion" from St Matthew's Collegiate School their "Spirit of New Zealand" Grant is terminated with immediate effect.
7. The "Spirit of New Zealand" Grant amount will be paid directly to the Spirit of New Zealand Trust by the SMOGA Treasurer.
8. The Grant Recipient once completing the Spirit of New Zealand voyage agrees to helping the SMOGA to publicise the benefits of The Grant to future eligible students and encourage future students to apply for the grant. This includes, for example, the Grant Recipient talking about their experiences, challenges, and the benefits they gained from the voyage in School Assembly and providing a write up (including photos) about the experience for the SMOGA annual magazine (To the Stars).
9. In accepting The Grant, the Grant Recipient agrees to allow SMOGA to publicise how they contributed to your experience in their SMOGA annual magazine (To the Stars) and on their social media accounts (including facebook).

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND TRUST'S CONDITIONS

Participants on the Spirit of New Zealand must meet the following conditions:

- be aged between 16-18 years (must not have had 19th birthday before undertaking their voyage),
- meet the medical criteria of the voyage,
- agree to the code of conduct /terms and conditions of the voyage, and
- must have received 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, or such other vaccines as may be required at the time.

For further information please refer to the Spirit of Adventures website:

(<https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/voyage/10-day-youth-development>)

BALLOT PROCESS

1. Only applicant's names that have submitted an application that meets The Grant conditions will be placed in the ballot.
2. The Principal of St Matthew's will draw the ballot under the supervision of a SMOGA committee member and an independent supervisor.
3. If in any year there are no suitable applicants, the SMOGA Committee reserves the right not to award a Grant.
4. All unsuccessful application documents will be destroyed.

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1. A daughter, niece or granddaughter of a current SMOGA committee member is eligible to apply for the Grant. However, if a daughter, niece or granddaughter of a current SMOGA committee member does apply, the committee member related to the daughter, niece or granddaughter applying will not be involved in the grant selection process.

2. The Terms and Conditions of the “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant may be altered by resolution at an Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, of the St Matthew’s Collegiate School Old Girls’ Association.
3. The St Matthew’s Collegiate School Old Girls’ Association reserves the right to terminate the “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant at any time and at its sole discretion.
4. When a “Spirit of New Zealand” Grant is available the St Matthew’s Collegiate School Old Girls’ Committee will advertise in the St Matthew’s Collegiate School Old Girls’ Magazine, the St Matthew’s Collegiate School website and on other appropriate SMOGA social media sites that may include Facebook.

If further information is required regarding these Terms and Conditions, please contact SMOGA via Louise Gibson (gibson.j.louise@gmail.com).