

Tips & tricks

It is a good idea to utilise the full range of Student Support and Health & Wellbeing Services on campus: You can even connect before arriving.

Keep an eye out for scholarships, and reach out to your tertiary institution early if you face any financial difficulties as they usually have extra support

Tertiary study can be busy but it's important to balance it with time to relax, socialise and do things you enjoy.

Check out the range of student discounts on offer for tertiary students, whether through websites like UniDays or on campus.

Photocopying important documents, and keeping them in a folder can make it easier to apply for courses. Some documents may also need to be signed and witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or Lawyer.

It is always a good idea to apply to Studylink early to avoid any delays. There are heaps of clubs and community groups to join on campus which are a great way to meet people and try something new.

Funding & scholarships

There are several funding opportunities you can apply for. Some may take more effort & time to apply for than others but there is typically no limit to how many sources of support you can receive throughout your time at tertiary education.



Ministry for Education



Careers NZ



Universities NZ



StudySpy

Remember

Do not be afraid to ask for help either in applying or while you are at tertiary education- programs are often very flexible if you need to take a break or access extra support on offer.

Māori support

If you whakapapa as Māori you may be eligible for a range of further scholarships. Here are some good places to check options in this regard but there are also many different ones for specific fields:

The Māori Education Trust



Aotearoa Trust

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu



Pasifika support

If you have Pasifika heritage there are also a range of other scholarships you may be eligible for. The following resources are good places to check: :

Pacific Education Foundation scholarships



Ministry for Pacific Peoples - Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards

Tagaloa Scholarships



Accessing Tertiary Education

A guide for CARE Leavers, Designed by care leavers.

Care Leavers—whether rangatahi or not—can face unique challenges accessing Tertiary Education. This guide is designed to support you in accessing & thriving in tertiary education.

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The Importance of a Support Network

When embarking on tertiary study, it is important to make sure you have a good support system in place- this could be in the form of anyone that makes you feel confident and supported and could include friends, whanau, your transition support worker, social worker, foster parent, teachers, sports coaches.



Further support

Check out the School Leavers' Toolkit



Reach out to tertiary institutions you're considering for additional support in applying.

Oranga Tamariki Transitions helpline provides advice and assistance to eligible rangatahi between 15-25 years old. Call them to see if that's you.

More information here
0800 55 89 89



*Pōipoia te kakano, kia pūnau
Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

Pamphlet prepared by care leavers, for care leavers, as part of the Tertiary Education for Care Leavers Initiative: info@te4cl-nz.org

1 Course Advice

University, Wānanga and Polytechnic all provide great courses options but it can be tricky to know which one is best. The following resources can help you can decide on courses:

CareerQuest Survey
that suggests career paths



StudySpy
a course comparison tool

Careers NZ
advice from careers experts



2 University Entrance

Once you know what course or courses you want to apply to, it's important to ensure you meet or have a plan to meet the entrance requirements of the course. You can check the available course information on the tertiary provider's webpage.

There is also further general information available here:

NZQA

to check NCEA results, find a NSN and get information on UE



Youth Service's NEET program

may be able to help if you are aged 16/17 and not in full time education.

3 Financing Studies

Funding your studies can be one of the toughest aspects of accessing tertiary education- not only the worry about the initial course fees but also ongoing and unexpected expenses. It is important you know the full range of options available:

StudyLink

has information to make decisions about studying and how to pay for it including the:



Independent Circumstances Allowance

Fees-Free Study

to check eligibility for a free year of tertiary study

