

Who can apply for financial assistance?

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at **least one** of the following criteria:

- be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based applications)
- have a joint family¹ income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income (multiple candidate applications), where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

What are the income thresholds for entitlement to a Community Services Card?

Single – living with others	\$26,042
Single – living alone	\$27,637
Family of 2	\$49,447
Family of 3	\$59,743
Family of 4	\$67,932
Family of 5	\$75,952
Family of 6	\$84,915

Rates as at 1 April 2016

When will I know if my application has been approved?

Your school is responsible for approving your application. You can assume it has been approved unless your school contacts you advising you otherwise.

How much will I need to pay?

If you are eligible for beneficiary or income based assistance you need to pay \$20.00 for one child or \$30.00 per family. This will include ALL scholarship entries.

If you are NOT eligible for beneficiary or income based assistance, the full fees of \$76.70 for NCEA will apply. Scholarship fees are in addition to the \$76.70 at \$30 per subject. Where fees are payable for more than one candidate per family, a maximum of \$200.00 applies.