**The Methodist Church of New Zealand**

**Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

**SMETHURST TRUST FUND**

**ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

# **APPLICATION FORM 2025**

***Only current application forms are accepted***

Fill in this form using **black pen, print clearly**, send all relevant information with **TWO current references** to:

Tuitui Salevao

Convenor Smethurst Grants Committee

22 Awatere Street

 Clover Park

AUCKLAND 2023 P: 029 241 4387 Email: salevao5@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT:** This application will be acknowledged by email

**REFERENCES (Two required):** On **ONE A4** sheet, **one side only** and preferably typed. Two current References supporting your application are required from:

1. Your Presbyter/Minister **where you worship (if not your home parish)** / or District Superintendent.
2. Another person who is not related to you.

***Please ensure that all references are on headed paper, dated and signed.***

***References are not accepted from members of applicant’s family***

**NOTES:**

* Each application must be for **ONE PERSON** only. Please answer each section fully.
* Decisions are made each April, July and November.
* Applications will be returned for resubmission, deferred or declined, if incomplete information is given.
* Where assistance is required for more than **ONE YEAR**, applicants need to re-apply each year.

Application for :

(Miss/Mrs/Ms/Rev/Dr/Deacon) (Given Names) (Family Name)

Address:

 Post Code:

Email: Telephone:( )

Date of Birth: Occupation:

Marital Status: Children: No. of Dependants:

Have you applied for assistance previously from Smethurst? **\***Yes [ ] No [ ]

If ‘Yes’ – under what name? **\***Year(s)

For what reason do you require financial support? Tick the appropriate box.

Course of study [ ] Conference [ ] Seminar [ ] Workshop [ ] **#**Other [ ]

#If ‘Other’ please specify clearly:

Breakdown of Costs: (Assistance towards travel costs will only be given for the cheapest available fares)

 Travel: $NZ Course: $NZ Other: $NZ

Total cost involved $NZ **(Note: Maximum grant $1,000)**

**Amount of assistance requested from Smethurst** $NZ

**\***If applying for a grant to continue a course of study, applicants **MUST** submit a copy of their grades/results **ACHIEVED TO** **DATE** for such course(s) before this application is considered.

Are you applying for any other assistance? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'Yes’, please specify source(s) and amount(s)

Are you eligible for Student Allowance(s)? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'Yes', please give details. etc. and amount(s)

Have you received any other assistance? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If 'Yes', please specify source(s) and amount

Are you in full-time paid employment? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Are you in part-time paid employment? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Please give the name of the Parish that you are actively involved in – Methodist or Uniting Congregation within the

Methodist Connexion.

\*If you are studying away from your home town, please give name of Parish/Church you are currently attending:

**(\*Reminder: You will need to attach a reference from an authorised leader of this church)**

The Methodist Church offers a variety of courses. Have you explored these options? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Please give details of the course, seminar, etc. for which assistance is required.

**Name of course**:

**Place of study / Event**

**Dates / Length of study / Event**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**: On a separate A4 page **(one side only) type/write in black pen** in your own words why you are making this application. Include information about yourself, your family and your financial situation. How do you see this current experience relating to the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa? Funding is not available for first year study after leaving College/High School.

Bank Account Details:

**CLOSING DATES FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS –**

**20 March 20 June 20 October**

**Late Applications are not considered**

**Should the circumstances change and study not proceed, please return the grant promptly**

Signature: Date:

Please print names and addresses of referees supplying signed references for this application:

Name: Name:

Address: Address:

Phone: Phone:

Email: Email:

Relationship to Applicant: Relationship to Applicant:

**IMPORTANT NOTES References must be up to date and signed and dated**

1. **At least 1 referee must be an authorised church leader in the church that you attend while studying**.
2. The Committee **requests a progress report or reflection at the conclusion of the course/event** **AND prior to the commencement** of all subsequent years of study
3. Subsequent applications for the **same** course give Referee’s name & contact details. No written reference needed. **Please submit copy of results/grades achieved. *Check carefully before submitting application***