

NZCCA Youth Scholarship 2025-26

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The New Zealand Cowboy Challenge Association is keen to encourage youth in our sport. To assist with this we introduced a Youth Scholarship in 2020 to support a youth competitor/s over a season.

For the 2025-26 season, a maximum of \$500 will be provided towards horsemanship coaching/mentoring that will assist with competing in a Cowboy Challenge and entry fees for Points Approved Cowboy Challenges. This will be allocated to one or two youth competitors.

Applications must be received by NZCCA no later than **5 pm, Sunday 19th October 2025** on the form below.

Criteria:

1. Applicant to be aged 10 to 18 years (inclusive) at the time of application.
2. Commitment to compete in a minimum of four Points Approved Cowboy Challenges in the 2025-2026 season (1 May to 30 April) in Youth division.
3. Recipient/s must become a member of NZCCA (if not already).
4. Reports on progress are to be submitted to NZCCA Council halfway through and at the end of the season (these will be sent on to any sponsor).
5. Any horsemanship coach/mentor used must be approved in advance by NZCCA.
6. If for any reason the recipient is unable to compete in at least four Challenges, they (or parent or guardian) must advise NZCCA at the earliest opportunity explaining why. Some or all of the Scholarship funding may be withheld.

Note that funding will be provided by reimbursement upon provision of receipt or paid directly on your behalf.

- All applications will be considered by the NZCCA Council (or subgroup of). The decision made will be final. All applicants will be contacted as soon as possible after the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants may request feedback on their application if they wish.
- NZCCA reserves the right to not award the scholarship.

Application for NZCCA Youth Scholarship 2025-26

Please forward application to nzccasn@gmail.com to be received no later than **5 pm on Sun 19th October 2025**.

The applicant must complete this themselves.

Name	
Address	
Email	
Phone	
Age	
Parent/Guardian name and contact	

Tell us about your experience with Cowboy Challenge to date

What is your aim this season with your horse?

What is your overall aim with Cowboy Challenge?

How would you describe good horsemanship?

Do you have a parent or other person to take you to competitions?

Do you compete in any other horse events? If yes, what are they?

How would you spend the scholarship funds?

Please include a recent short video clip of you riding your pony/horse – upload this to YouTube and provide the link here:

Signed (applicant): _____

Date: _____

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Date: _____