

Thank you for joining First Foundation

Your support and financial assistance is life-changing for your scholar. Thank you for helping to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by supporting a bright young New Zealander from a less advantaged background.



YEAR 0

Getting Started

SCHOLAR TYPICALLY IN YEAR 12



We'll send you a Partners Agreement to sign

Congratulations, your scholar gets the life changing news that you're providing their scholarship!



We'll send you the formal Letter of Agreement

Thank you for signing up to support a talented, deserving young Kiwi

We'll interview each scholar to find the best match for you*



We'll send you the first invoice to support your scholar*

Your scholar will attend an induction event to prepare them for the programme



YEAR 1

Getting to know your scholar

SCHOLAR TYPICALLY IN YEAR 13

We'll send photos of you and your scholar at the event to help you share the good news with your networks*



You'll get another update about your scholar's progress during the year



We'll send through the second scholarship invoice

Your scholar will begin their work experience* (4 weeks during Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb)



Celebrate with your scholar and their whānau at our awards ceremony*

We'll update you on your scholar's achievements, including their Year 12 academic results*

We'll meet with you and your scholar to talk about work experience and help them get started in the workplace*

You'll get an annual review of your scholar's progress*

YEAR 2/3/4

Supporting your scholar through higher education

SCHOLAR IS AT UNIVERSITY



We'll send you invoices 3 and 4

Your scholar will continue their work experience (4 weeks during Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb in years 2 and 3 only)

YEAR 5 + Beyond

Taking flight

SCHOLAR HAS COMPLETED THE PROGRAMME



You'll get regular updates on your scholar's progress (March and September each year)

You'll get a face to face annual review with your student and First Foundation to discuss their progress*

You'll get a comprehensive completion report showing the impact you've made*

Celebrate your scholar's completion of the programme at our awards ceremony

Find out more about important parts of the First Foundation programme and the opportunities you'll have to connect with your scholar.

Celebration event

Each year, we host a special event to celebrate our new and completing scholars. You and your team are invited to come along and spend time with your scholar, as well as meet their family and First Foundation mentor.

These inspiring events are a proud milestone to share with your scholar. We'll have a professional photographer there to capture the moment, providing you with great photos of your team and your scholar together.

Plus, we'll follow up after the event with information you can use to easily share the impact you're making, both internally and on social media.



Invoices

We'll send you an invoice once a year. There are four invoices in total, which you'll receive in Oct/Nov in Years 0, 1, 2 and 3.

Scholar interviews & matching process

After interviewing each candidate, we work to match you with the right scholar for your organisation, according to your criteria. You'll then get to interview them to make sure it's a good match.

This process typically takes place between July and October. However, there is some flexibility on timing if it's required.

Scholar updates

We'll update you regularly on your scholar's progress, with two updates each year from years 1-4. These will include your scholar's achievements, such as academic results, and information that shows the impact you're making through your support.

Work experience induction

This is a three-way meeting between you, your scholar and First Foundation. Ideally, the person representing your organisation is the one who will manage the scholar's work experience.

First Foundation will facilitate this meeting and help ensure both you and your scholar have the information you need. We'll meet at the location your scholar will be working, and go through our work experience guidelines so everyone has a clear understanding of what's involved.

At this meeting, we'll outline key processes, timings and expectations for both you and your scholar. Usually, the scholar will do four weeks of paid work experience each year during their university holidays, on years 1-3 of the First Foundation programme. Ongoing arrangements around work experience will be negotiated between you and your scholar.

Find out more about [work experience](#).

