

# Catholic Character Scholarship 2026

Funded by the Sacred Heart Girls' College Board of Trustees



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## About this Scholarship

The *Catholic Character Scholarship* exists to support students who are actively seeking to deepen their Catholic faith - and who demonstrate a clear commitment to living out that faith in service to others and their wider community.

Awarded to one student each year\*, this scholarship funds attendance at a Catholic event in New Zealand or abroad, providing a formative experience that will strengthen and inspire their faith journey well into the future. Events may include, but are not limited to, Light & Salt Retreats, the Set Free Festival, World Youth Day, Life Teen, and other significant Catholic gatherings.

**The total scholarship is valued up to \$2,000.**

## Application Criteria & Procedures

### Criteria

- Your application **must** demonstrate a clear and specific understanding of how you are living out Mission, Communion and Contemplation, both within the College and in the wider community.
- Your application **must** include a detailed breakdown of all costs, clearly showing how the scholarship funds will be used, eg. fees, travel, resources, accommodation etc, and the amount you are requesting from this scholarship (up to \$2,000 incl. GST).
- You may wish to include a short supporting video (optional).

### How to Apply

- Complete the Application Form on the following pages.
- Please submit your application to the Board of Trustees Secretary, Lisa McKenzie, by 3.30pm, Monday 15th June 2026. Either by email: botshgc@shgcham.school.nz, or hand in at the Notre Dame Centre.

### Key Information

- While this scholarship is intended for Senior students, all year groups are welcome to apply - applications are assessed purely on the strength of the candidate meeting the criteria.
- Students may apply up to 12 months prior to the event. (The Board of Trustees' financial commitment falls in the year the event takes place.)
- Students may only apply once per scholarship round.
- The scholarship may only be used for the purpose stated in the application.
- The scholarship cannot be used for college organised camps/retreats or for Mission College Trust Board fees.

### Your Commitment following the event may include:

- Organising a Catholic Character event, contributing to the Year 13 Leadership Camp, assisting with retreats, or similar.
- Sharing your experience at an Assembly.
- Writing a report to the Board of Trustees.
- Submitting an article for the college newsletter/magazine.

**Applications Close:** Monday 15th June, 3:30pm  
**Successful Applicants Announced:** Wednesday 25th June

Please complete the **Application Form** on the following pages.  
This form is a fillable PDF, or you can print and hand write your answers. Please use additional pages if required.

# Catholic Character Scholarship 2026 APPLICATION



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Name of Applicant	Current Year Level
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**1 ABOUT YOU**  
Tell us a little about yourself and your involvement in the Catholic life of our college and wider community.

**2 THE EVENT**  
Which event are you applying to attend, and when and where is it being held?

**3 YOUR WHY**  
Why do you want to attend this event? What draws you to it?

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### 4 FAITH IN ACTION

Please make clear the connections that this event has to enhancing Catholic Character in **our College**.

### 5 LOOKING FORWARD

Please tell us how this event will enhance **your** faith in Mission, Communion and Contemplation.

### 6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please outline the costs involved in attending this event (ie, fees, travel, resources, accommodation, etc.) and the amount you are requesting from this scholarship (up to \$2,000 incl. GST).

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Signature of Applicant	Signature of Parent/Caregiver
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