

Risingholme 'New Learner' Award Programme Guidelines - 2026

Risingholme Learning is continuing their 'New Learner' Award programme for 2026. Funds will be allocated and granted each term.

Risingholme Learning will renew its Award provision annually and therefore, reserves the right to withdraw the provision at this time.

Purpose

To enable new learners to participate in learning to gain a new skill that provides enjoyment and growth as well as increases self-esteem, confidence, and personal satisfaction.

This fund assists new learners who would not otherwise, by reason of their financial circumstances, be able to commence, or continue with learning.

Eligibility

- Risingholme Awards are available to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents
- Applicants are a new learner to Risingholme (have not enrolled in a Risingholme course before)
- Courses offered at any of our locations are eligible
- Courses offered through partnerships and subcontracting arrangements are not eligible
- Awards are not available to Risingholme staff/tutors and/or their immediate family members
- Approved Awards are subject to space available in the course

What the Award can cover

- Covers course fee and/or material costs to a maximum value of \$300
- Cannot be redeemed for cash
- Cannot be transferred from one course to another (unless the course has been cancelled by Risingholme)

How to apply

- Applicants will be required to complete an application form, including providing a personal statement and referee that can be contacted
- **Personal Statement**
 - Introduce yourself, your background etc
 - Tell us why you want to enrol in this course
 - What support are you applying for
 - Course Fees; and/or
 - Course Related Costs (Materials Cost)
 - Your reason for applying for support?
 - Provide one referee, for example, work colleague, pastor, sport coach, employer etc (Your referee must not be an immediate family member, friend, or flatmate)
- Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis
- Application close dates: Term 2 – 25 March; Term 3 – 24 June; Term 4 – 16 September
- Decision made by the Awards Approval Panel is final
- Applicants will be notified of the decision by email within 7 working days of the close date

Responsibilities of Successful Applicants

- Must complete an enrolment form (online or paper) for the course enrolling in. For high demand courses we suggest that you enrol at the time you submit your Award application
- If granted an Award that includes material costs, you must provide a receipt/s before being reimbursed. Material costs approved must not be purchased until the course has been confirmation to run.
- Must regularly attendance classes throughout the duration of the course