

The NZOPA Scholarship Information

Applicant Guidelines

The NZOPA Scholarship of up to \$500 awarded annually to four full NZOPA Members (two orthotists and two prosthetists) for their exemplary case studies.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support and promote professional education and development within the orthotic/prosthetic profession, with a broader focus on promoting the advancement of the profession and NZOPA member's involvement in continuing education.

The Scholarship may be used for a wide variety of projects or activities. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting attendance at a professional conference;
- Supporting attendance at workshops or training courses;
- Supporting costs related to development and delivery of education activities for a number of members within a geographic area or with a specific topic of interest;
- Supporting clinical research which will contribute to the body of knowledge for orthotics/prosthetics in New Zealand

Applicant Eligibility

The Scholarship is only available to current and full members of the NZOPA. Any NZOPA Member will be considered, based on their case study submission.

Selection Criteria

The executive team will select 1 exemplary case study and 1 highly commended case study from both Orthotics and Prosthetic case study submissions. The following points are considered when reviewing a case study:

- *Subjective and objective information about the subject is given*
- *Specific aims of the orthosis are given*
- *At least one article is included in the literature review and appraised*
- *Critical appraisal of the case is included – i.e. what was learnt, how this knowledge will be used going forward, what could have been done better-*



Exclusion Criteria

The Scholarship will not be awarded to support the following:

- Administrative expenses or salaries/wages associated with conducting research

Scholarship amounts and Funds collection

- A maximum of \$500 to one exemplary orthotic case study and one exemplary prosthetic case study;
- A maximum of \$250 to one highly commendable orthotic case study and one highly commendable prosthetic case study;
- Application for Scholarship must be completed and submitted to CPD and Treasurer for consideration.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the training provider or directly to the member with proof of attendance or completion.
- The awards will be at the discretion of the NZOPA Executive Committee and will be determined by the merits of each individual case study;