



NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY

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STUDENT LITERARY COMPETITION (February 2026)

Background

Each NZ Founders Society Branch selects a number of schools in their boundary, discusses this competition and its conditions with the school representative, requesting that the school invites students to actively participate.

The school and each student are required to sign page 2 to verify they understand the conditions of the competition and return by email to secretary@nzfounders.org.nz

The participants will submit their final version to the school, who will send them to the Branch representative. The Branch will appoint a number of readers who will select the best 3 stories. This selection will be sent to the Society Adjudicators for final award determination for each Branch.

The final selection from each Branch will be presented to the Society Committee by the Adjudicators for approval and written notification to the successful schools.

This competition will be available once a year, with:

Applications Closing	Stories Submitted to Society Branches	School advised of Successful Writers
1 st March	31 st July	30 September



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AGREEMENT

Title: - My Family - a new life in New Zealand

Age Group: Year: 9 – 13 school pupils

Purpose: To encourage:

- Interest in family background/history and their new lives in New Zealand (recent arrivals to New Zealand are also encouraged to participate)
- Research, writing and presentation skills. Interview / discussion with Family members and relatives

Scope:

- a. The publication is to be original with no use of artificially generated content.
- b. 500 to 700 words, typed, double spaced, copies of photos and press cuttings where appropriate
- c. Be structured well - include Introduction, body and conclusion. Must be the work of one student only.
- d. References, sources and words from other people/ family members must be acknowledged and support the historical story
- e. Can include family stories, anecdotes where appropriate

Rewards

1. Winner to be announced at school assembly
2. \$100 cash prize for winning entry.
3. \$100 voucher to participating school

Conditions

1. Winner to be invited to read the essay at a Founders Branch meeting
2. Press release to local news papers with photograph
3. Winning essay to be published on New Zealand Founders website.

Signed (Date: ___/___/___)

School:
Principal:
Student:



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