NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY

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LITERARY AWARD TERMS & CONDITIONS (February 2026)

1. The New Zealand Founders Society Literary Awards are made for research and publication of a book on New Zealand history. This may include:

   - Settlement stories of any group, or
   - History of an area or place or of the people who settled there, or
   - Stories of kaumatua and older New Zealanders way of life, or
   - Biography of one or more New Zealanders, who may be a family or family member, whose life and work in New Zealand is of general interest.

2. An application for an award can be made any time during the year and will be subjected to meeting the award criteria and available funding.

3. The Award criteria include:

   a. The importance of the work to NZ history or local history (particularly prior to 1 January 1866).

   b. Whether it relates to a significant or well -known place or personality

   c. Its originality and uniqueness.

   d. Its importance to social history: and

   e. The qualifications and experience of the author

4. The awards are not available for research into personal family background, family tree or genealogical research.

5. Payment of each successful award will be made in three instalments:

One Third	On confirmation of the successful application by the Society Committee
One Third	After the Society Committee has received confirmation that the book has been sent to the publisher for final production, including the written acknowledgement of the New Zealand Founders Society.
Final	Balance of the award after receipt of a copy of the published work.

6. Ideally, the research and publication must be completed within one year following the notification of the grant of an award.

7. The research and publication can be a finite part of a larger piece of research but must be able to be published alone.

8. Following completion and the work being made public, the Society reserves the right to use or to publish in part or in any way it thinks appropriate, with the written prior agreement of the author.

9. Failure to meet the conditions of this agreement will require the funds to be returned to the Society.

10. The Society is to be provided with at least one published complimentary copy of:

    - Printed form (Compulsory)
    - Digital format form (optional).

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APPLICATION FORM

This form, when completed, to be sent to:	Secretary, NZ Founders Society Inc Literary Award Email: secretary@nzfounders.org.nz

1. Full Name:

2. Postal Address:

3. Phone No: Email:

4. How did you hear about this Award?

5. Research Title:

6. Synopsis of the proposed research:

7. Does this research follow some earlier work you have done? YES/NO.
   (If "yes" provide the name and brief description. If "no" a brief extract from work in progress.)

8. Estimate the timeline steps of the project.

9. Please provide a breakdown of costs:

10. State any special interest, ability of access to information which you feel could qualify you as a recipient of this Award.

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11. Research experience:

12. Short list of most recent other publications:

13. Name two referees with a knowledge of your ability to carry through the object of the Award:

Name: Position:

Address:

Telephone: Home- Work-

Signature ..... Date .....

Name: Position

Address:

Telephone: Home- Work-

Signature .....Date .....

APPLICANT AWARD AGREEMENT

I, ... agree to the TERMS and CONDITIONS of this Award.

Signed: .....

Date: .....