

New Zealand Founders Society Inc
LITERARY AWARDS (August 2025)

1. The New Zealand Founders Society Literary Awards are made for research and publication of a book in an area of New Zealand history. This may include:
 - The settlement stories of any group.
 - The history of an area or place or of the people who settled there.
 - The recollections of kaumatua and older New Zealanders of their way of life.
 - A 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. Applications for awards shall be made by 31 March and 30 September in each year for consideration in that year.
3. The criteria for the Awards shall include:
 - The importance of the work to NZ history or local history (particularly prior to 1 January 1866).
 - Whether it relates to a significant or well -known place or personality
 - Its originality and uniqueness.
 - Its importance to social history: and
 - 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. The number, frequency and amount of awards will be determined by the Committee of the Society in each year. Each award will be for not more than \$3,000
6. Unless the Committee decides otherwise payment of each award will be made in instalments:
 - one-third to the recipient on confirmation of their successful application;
 - a further one-third after the Society has received confirmation of satisfactory progress;
 - a final payment of one-third after receipt of a copy of the published work.
7. The Committee may require recipients to submit progress reports or proof of progress before any payment is made.

8. The research and publication must be completed within one year following notification of the grant of an award, or within any further period agreed to by the Committee either prior to the payment of the first instalment of the Award or subsequently.
9. The research and publication can be a finite part of a larger piece of research but must be able to be published alone.
10. 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, the research of an award winner. This condition does not contravene the rights of the author, and any such publication will be with the prior agreement of the author and will not in any way be to the detriment of the publication of the completed research.
11. All research reports and publications must contain a printed acknowledgement to the Society. A waiver of this requirement may be granted by the Committee upon request.
12. The work is to be published in printed form and ebook form, with at least one complimentary copy of the final report or publication presented to the Society in both published formats. The Society does not support publications that are solely in electronic form.

LITERARY AWARD

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. Telephone: Home - Work -
4. Email:
5. How did you hear about this Award?
6. Research Title:
7. Synopsis of the proposed research:
8. Does this research follow some earlier work you have done? YES/NO.
(If “yes” give a description and name the publication. If “no” a substantial extract from the work in progress will greatly enhance the application.)
9. Estimate the timeline steps of the project.
10. Please provide a breakdown of costs:
11. State any special interest, ability of access to information which you feel could qualify you as a recipient of this Award.

12. Present position held:
13. Other positions held:
14. Other qualifications:
15. Research experience:
16. Titles of other publications:
17. 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-

SignatureDate

AWARD CONDITIONS

FOLLOWING COMPLETION AND THE WORK BEING MADE PUBLIC, THE NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO USE, OR TO PUBLISH IN PART OR IN ANY WAY IT THINKS APPROPRIATE, THE RESEARCH OF THE WINNING CANDIDATE.

ALL RESEARCH REPORTS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN A PRINTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC. AND ONE COPY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SOCIETY.

I,agree to the Award Conditions. Date: ____/ ____/ ____