

NZOA STUDENT ATTENDANCE GRANTS 2024

CRITERIA

- 1. AGE** – Applicant must be 25 years or under on the last day of NZOA Festival (formerly Congress). Those under the age of 16 at the Festival must be accompanied by an adult, defined as someone 18 years or older, not necessarily a parent or official guardian.
- 2. TUITION** – Applicant must be receiving regular tuition from a recognised organ teacher.
- 3. EMPLOYMENT** – Applicant must not be in full-time employment.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP** – Applicant must be a member of the New Zealand Organ Association Inc. (hereafter referred to as NZOA), either Personal or as a member of a Regional Association (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Otago-Southland).
- 5. ELIGIBLE COSTS** – NZOA will make grants to cover eligible costs of a Student's attendance at a NZOA Festival held in New Zealand, subject to sufficient funds being available for this purpose, including travel costs where the Festival is held other than in the centre where the student lives. Eligible costs are:
 - the full Student Festival Registration Fee (excluding any late payment penalty)
 - if travel of more than 300 km is required, a return off-peak economy fare on the cheapest available airline booked at least one month in advance (including bag and travel insurance)
 - if travel of less than 300 km is required, either a return economy bus fare booked at least one month in advance for off-peak travel, or a grant to cover petrol costs
 - only if required and if billeted accommodation is not available, room only costs in economy accommodation (up to a maximum of \$300, or higher limit by agreement if required)
 - if travel is required, an incidental expense allowance of \$100.

If NZOA does not have sufficient funds available, a grant may be offered to fund part of the eligible costs, after consultation with the applicant.

- 6. PARTICIPATION** – Students receiving a Festival Grant will be expected to participate fully in the activities of the Festival.

APPLICATION AND GRANT PROCESS

Students seeking a Student Attendance Grant should scan/photograph & email, or post a completed signed application form to the Secretary (contact details above), requesting approval of their eligibility to receive a Grant, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and to be received not less than six weeks before the start of the NZOA Festival**; AND before incurring any costs which they hope may be eligible for a grant. All funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the NZOA Council **and are dependent on the available funds**.

Once the funding request has been received, reviewed and approved, a grant will be made of 90% of the estimated eligible costs. The balance of actual eligible costs will be paid in the week after the NZOA Festival upon production of copies of actual expenditure invoices (excluding the \$100 incidental expenses allowance).

