

# Villa Maria Past Pupils' Association Mercy Grant

Villa Maria Past Pupils' Association is pleased to announce offer a \$2000.00 grant /contribution to a past pupil who may be undertaking work that aims to "make a difference", in alignment with the College's Mercy Values.

Applicants must be full members of the Villa Maria Past Pupils' Association. Joining is easy and can be completed online at: <http://www.villa.school.nz/past-pupils/>

## Information for Applicants:

**Application closing date:** 4.00pm on Sunday 30 July 2023

**Value:** \$2000.00 (a one-off payment)

To be eligible you must be a Villa Maria Past Pupil, aligning with the criteria for full membership of the Past Pupils' Association.

## Criteria for application

You may be undertaking study or work that is 'extraordinary' and will make a difference. This could be nationally or internationally.

The work or study being undertaken will:

1. Help the poor or vulnerable (people or environment) and or
2. Reach those on the fringes and/or
3. Have a strong element of service
4. The work shall not be counter to the Catholic teachings.

Applicants must fill out the application cover sheet and submit a brief written application of no more than two pages indicating the nature of the study/work, and the potential outcomes of such work/study.

An interview for the shortlisted candidates will be required after application and before the scholarship is offered.

The successful candidate will be offered the scholarship in November with funds payable immediately.

## Notes.

If the successful candidate cannot undertake the work/study – the funds can be held for 12 months. Following this if the project is unable to be commenced during this period the funds are to be returned to the Past Pupils Association.

There is an expectation that the successful candidate will meet with the PPA to report back (or provide a short, written report), the following year to provide an update on the work commenced.