



Herb Federation of New Zealand Certificate Study Scholarships

Objective

The objective of the Study Scholarships for the Certificate Course is to encourage and support members of the Herb Federation of New Zealand (HFNZ) to increase their knowledge of the growing, use, and enjoyment of herbs in their everyday lives.

The Scholarships

There are currently three scholarships available. They allow the successful applicants to study the twelve modules of the Herb Federation of New Zealand Certificate Course.

- The HFNZ Scholarship is sponsored by the Herb Federation of New Zealand.
- The Essential Garden Scholarship sponsored by Alasdair & Fiona Scott
- The Yvonne Best Scholarship sponsored by our herbnews editor

The Scholarship will meet the cost of the fees involved in purchasing the twelve study modules over a maximum three-year period with all other associated costs being the responsibility of the student. If the course is not completed within this time frame, or they otherwise default on their Scholarship requirements, the recipient must repay fees for all modules received to date, and forfeits the right to reapply for any Scholarship, managed by the HFNZ, in the future.

The HFNZ Executive have the right to award any of the scholarships to any recipient.

Who would qualify to be awarded the Study Scholarships

To be eligible to be awarded either Study Scholarship, applicants must be financial “Individual Members” of the Herb Federation of New Zealand (HFNZ).

NOTE: An Individual Member is a person who pays a membership subscription directly to HFNZ. It is not essential that an applicant be a member of a Local Herb Society, but membership and support of a Herb Society if there is one in your area, is desirable.

Application to be considered for a Study Scholarship must be made using the application form available on the HFNZ website (www.herbs.org.nz)

Closing date for applications

Applications to be addressed to:

The Secretariat

Herb Federation of New Zealand

P O Box 198, Inglewood, New Zealand 4347

or emailed to herbfednz@gmail.com

Applications must be received by **15 October 2025**. The successful applicants will be announced at the HFNZ Annual General Meeting.

Applicants should **demonstrate** in their application that they:

- Show an appropriate level of interest in herbs.
- Where there are more than two applicants, preference will be given to:
 - Applicants who clearly state their goal for using herbs in their future life.

- Applicants who show a history of successful study, including (but not necessary) having started the Certificate course.

Applications for the Scholarship will be considered by the HFNZ Executive, or a person or persons appointed by the HFNZ Executive for this purpose.

The Scholarships are retroactive for current students of the Certificate course. Recipients who have already completed any modules will be reimbursed for those modules.

Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in subsequent years.

What recipients must do to continue to receive the Scholarship

- Scholarship recipients must submit each module for marking before applying to study a further module. NOTE: You need not wait for a module to be marked before applying for the next.
- Scholarship recipients may complete as many modules as they wish in any one twelve-month period. These modules may be done in any order.
- Scholarship recipients must complete a minimum of three modules in any one twelve-month period to a “satisfactory standard”, in order to continue to receive the Scholarship. Modules not reaching a satisfactory standard are not counted. NOTE: The course marker will be the adjudicator with respect to the achievement of a “satisfactory standard”.
- Scholarship recipients must complete the entire twelve-module study course within 3 years.
- Scholarship recipients do not need to refund study fees for modules where they have not achieved a “satisfactory standard” if they apply to redo these modules. This applies only once per module. Subsequent applications will be at their own expense.
- Scholarship recipients are considered in default if
 - They do not complete the required minimum number of modules, to a “satisfactory standard”, in any 12-month period.
 - They do not complete the full course in the 3-year timeframe. The only exemption is if unforeseen circumstances prevent this occurring, they have notified the Herb Certificate Coordinator in writing at herbfednz@gmail.com, and this reason has been accepted by the HFNZ Executive.
- Scholarship recipients who are in default must repay the Scholarship Fund for the cost of all modules received as part of the Scholarship. They also forfeit their right to apply for any Scholarship, managed by HFNZ, in the future.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain their financial membership of the Herb Federation of New Zealand.

Other Terms and Conditions

All other Terms and Conditions are those that apply to the Herb Federation of New Zealand Certificate Course.

Signed by the Applicant

I _____
agree to the Terms and Conditions of the above Scholarship.

Date: _____

On behalf of the HFNZ Executive:

Date _____

Role _____