

4 March 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 4 February 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the information as stated below:

- The number of Year 12 students who obtained a Premier Award in the 2020 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.
- The number of Year 12 students who obtained an Outstanding Scholar Award in the 2020 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.
- The number of Year 12 students who obtained a Scholarship Award (i.e. the award which generally requires at least 3 scholarships) in the 2020 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.
- The number of Year 12 students who obtained a Top Subject Scholar Award in the 2020 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.
- The number of Year 12 students who obtained a Single Subject Award or two Single Subject Awards in the 2020 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am assuming that a Year 12 student getting, say, a Premier Award, wouldn't count towards the number of Year 12 students getting, say, an Outstanding Scholar Award. Please let me know if that is not the case.

I attach the following spreadsheet which covers the requested information:

- OIA NZ Scholarship Data – 2020 Year 12 students

Note that:

- your assumption is correct in that a Year 12 student receiving a Premier Award does not impact on the number of Year 12 students receiving an Outstanding Scholar Award. Premier Scholarships are awarded to the top 10 to 12 of all students sitting NZ Scholarship. Outstanding Scholarships are then awarded to the next 40-62 students, so there can be a minimum of 50 or a maximum of 72 awards.
- while it is possible for a Top Scholar Award winner to also receive a Single Subject Award (giving them a maximum of an additional \$500 or a Premier Award), no Year 12 Top Scholar Award winning students also received these in 2020.
- Results for aggregate awards must be achieved in a single calendar year; i.e. they cannot be accumulated across multiple years. Further information is available at: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/assessment-including-examination-rules/7/2/1/>.

- year 12 students are eligible to receive the monetary prize when they meet the requirements ;i.e. they enrol in full-time tertiary study with an approved tertiary provider in New Zealand. If they return to school, then the monetary prize is deferred until they enter tertiary full-time study. If they enter Scholarship again in Year 13, their entitlements will be based on the better of the two sets of results. Further information is available at: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/>.
- this request uses data from a live database. 2020 results are provisional and subject to change.

NZQA has also made 2020 NZ Scholarship data available on its website. Further information can be found at: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/scholarship-results/overall-new-zealand-scholarship-results-2020/>.

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Nāku nā



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Academic Year	Premier Award Winners	Outstanding Scholar Award Winners	Top Subject Scholarship Award Winners	Scholarship Award Winners	Single Subject Award Winners	Single Subject Awards	Top Subject Students also with an Outstanding Scholar Award
2020	1	7	3	33	391	460	2

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