



### Selection Criteria

- Preference will be given to a woman who will be living and working within rural communities or provincial towns located in the regions defined.
- The applicant will need to provide a profile outlining their past achievements, proposed study programme, educational goals and their long term objectives.
- The applicant will be required to list two referees.
- The applicant may be required to attend an interview.

### Conditions of acceptance of the award

The grant will be paid on production of evidence of acceptance at a NZQA approved facility.

Evidence is required within one month that course fees have been paid. If this is not provided, the grant shall be returned.

The decision of the RWNZ Regional Committee is final and no correspondence regarding its decision will be entered into. You will be notified of the results of your application.

### Award payment

- Payment of the Norma Evans Second Chance Education Award will be made to the successful applicant by 30 March and on proof of enrolment in the indicated field of study.
- Rural Women New Zealand’s National Office must be advised immediately if the successful applicant withdraws from the course before completing the academic year, as a proportional refund will be expected.

### Checklist

- Application form
- Accompanying letter
- Copies of qualifications or academic reference
- Two references and referees contact details
- Proof of enrolment at Polytechnic/University if course has commenced.

### About Norma Evans

Norma Mae Jackson was born 27th May 1924 and married Bob Evans, farm hand in 1946. They worked in Omarama and Kurow until 1955 when they won a soldier settlement farm ballot enabling them to purchase a farm at Rotomahana in the Rotorua district.

This necessitated travelling north with their four beautiful daughters. Farming posed huge challenges in those days prior to selenium and cobalt being discovered as essential elements for animals to survive and thrive

Norma admits to being a very shy lady when she first settled in the Rerewhakaaitu area but hall and school committees, youth club, Women’s Division of the Farmers Union followed by Rural Woman New Zealand (RWNZ) combined to challenge her to step up and out beyond the farm gate.

Norma led from the front, travelling throughout New Zealand and overseas working for rural people. Her projects number many and her six books about rural life showcase her success. A New Zealand Order of Merit was awarded for her services to community.

Norma the poet is reflected in this extract from her ‘Ode to Life’, these words tell the story of the Norma we know and love:

*‘A depression, a war, hardships I have seen.  
Make do and Mend. Hand craft to be seen.  
Born a Collector. I really must have been.  
Curator of treasurers, just waiting to be seen.’  
- Norma Evans*



## Region Five Rimanui Rural Women NZ

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To encourage women wishing to advance in the workforce, to obtain qualifications improving their career opportunities and independence.

The RWNZ Region Five (Rimauui) Second Chance Education Award has been created by fellow RWNZ Members in her Region. It is to honour an outstanding woman, who has spent her life working really hard to create healthy, sustainable rural communities, supportive of the people who live there.

Norma firmly believed that life is an apprenticeship that is on-going, and that one must fight to meet its challenges and to always grasp learning opportunities.

### Overview of the Award

- One award will be offered to a woman who wishes to complete a tertiary study programme to assist her to return to or enter the work force thereby enabling her to better develop her career.
- Up to \$2000 for one year of tertiary study, with consideration of a second year's grant of up to \$2000 depending on the tertiary study undertaken and the grades achieved.

### How do I apply?

Please complete the attached application form and send it with the other supporting materials listed on the application form to Rural Women New Zealand by 30 November. Further copies of the application form can be found at: [www.ruralwomennz.nz](http://www.ruralwomennz.nz)

### Eligibility

- You must be a New Zealand citizen to apply for this scholarship.
- You must be female and over the age of 25 years at the time of application.
- You must live in the Coromandel, Thames, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne or Central Plateau regions.

### Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest educational qualification:

\_\_\_\_\_

Course/degree to be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of University/Polytechnic:

\_\_\_\_\_

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_ years

Annual Course Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Financial support:

Amount of Student Allowance currently received:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_/year

Amount outstanding on Student Loan: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships/grants received in the last two years:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_/year from \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_/year from \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any financial assistance from Rural Women New Zealand previously?

If yes, complete details below.

Type of assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Years received: \_\_\_\_\_

### Supporting Materials

Along with this application form, please send us:

1. A letter outlining the reasons you require this financial assistance, the reasons for your course of study (or proposed course of study) and your intended use of the qualification.
2. Copies of your previous relevant qualifications/study results, or an academic reference.
3. Two written character references, and phone contact details for your referees.
4. Evidence of your enrolment at the University/Polytechnic for the specified course, or proof of enrolment if it has already commenced.

### Declaration

I agree that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

I understand that if I am granted a scholarship and I withdraw from the specified course before the end of the academic year, I may be obliged to refund the whole or part of the scholarship.

I acknowledge that Rural Women New Zealand has the right to directly contact my referees for further information.

If I am successful I agree that details of this scholarship award may be published.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications to be received by Rural Women NZ by 10 February.

Post to: Norma Evans Second Chance Education Award  
Rural Women New Zealand  
PO Box 12-021, Wellington 6144  
or Email: [enquiries@ruralwomennz.nz](mailto:enquiries@ruralwomennz.nz)