



**Dame  
Malvina  
Major  
Foundation**

## Arts Excellence Award Application 2023

**Surname** ..... **First name(s)** .....

**Date of birth** ..... **Mobile** .....

**Home address** .....

..... **Email** .....

**Region you're applying for funding in** (see eligibility and definition of regions over page):

Upper North Island                       Lower North Island                       South Island

**Proposed classical performance project** (brief description)

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**Proposed start date of project** ..... **Proposed end date** .....

**Please supply with this application form:**

1. A personal statement or covering letter explaining why you have applied.
2. A good quality video recording of a recent performance (within the last 12 months).
3. CV or detailed evidence of your achievements and relevant education to date.
4. Written references from two specialists in your field of the performing arts.
5. Details of your intended course/tuition.
6. Detailed budget, including other grants you have applied for and/or received for this project.
7. At least one hi-res digital photo suitable for publicity purposes (credited as necessary).

**Send your completed application by 5pm Thursday 15 June 2023 to:**

- Upper North Island (DMMF Auckland/Waikato committee): [auckland@dmmfoundation.org.nz](mailto:auckland@dmmfoundation.org.nz)
- Lower North Island (DMMF Wellington committee): [wellington@dmmfoundation.org.nz](mailto:wellington@dmmfoundation.org.nz)
- South Island (DMMF Christchurch committee): [christchurch@dmmfoundation.org.nz](mailto:christchurch@dmmfoundation.org.nz)

**Signature** ..... **Date** .....

# Dame Malvina Major Arts Excellence Awards

Arts Excellence Awards are funded by the Dame Malvina Major Foundation to support young New Zealanders of outstanding ability in the performing arts who are preparing for a professional career. The awards are administered by the Foundation's committees in Auckland/Waikato, Taranaki, Wellington and Christchurch for the following regions:

- Upper North Island (north of Taupo to far North) – Auckland/Waikato committee.
- Lower North Island (Taupo south including Hawke's Bay) – Wellington committee.
- Taranaki – Taranaki committee.
- South Island – Christchurch committee.

Thanks to the Toi Foundation, the Taranaki Committee offers funding opportunities to Taranaki youth involved in the performing arts twice a year, with applications closing on 31 March and 30 September. Please refer to the separate application form and criteria on our website at [www.dmmfoundation.org.nz](http://www.dmmfoundation.org.nz) for Taranaki awards.

For the other regions, applications close on 15 June 2023. Up to \$10,000 is distributed among successful applicants in each region. Awards are made for tuition in all aspects of classical performance development, eg coaching, workshop or masterclass fees. A subsidy towards fees at overseas institutions, travel and/or accommodation costs may be considered.

## Criteria

1. Awards are for young New Zealand classical performers, ie singers and instrumentalists.
2. Applicants must be between 18–30 years old (as at 15 June of the year of application).
3. Applicants need to have resided in, or have had a substantial proportion of their training and artistic development within the region to which they apply.
4. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens, but not necessarily resident in either the relevant region or in New Zealand at the time of applying.
5. The project applied for must commence within twelve months of the final selection and be completed within twelve months unless there are special circumstances.
6. If for any reason the project does not take place, any funding received must be returned, unless there are special circumstances, to be approved at the discretion of the committee.
7. Applicants must not apply to different committees in the same year and must advise whether they have received a previous DMMF award from any regional committee. It will be at the discretion of the assessors whether the application can be accepted.

**All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 31 July 2023.**

Successful applicants will be asked to:

- keep the information confidential until it is announced by the Foundation
- contribute to and/or participate in any related publicity
- acknowledge the award in any future biographies for five years
- submit a full report at the completion of the project and verification from at least one of the referees that the project has been undertaken and completed satisfactorily.

They may also be asked to meet with DMMF representatives or perform at a future DMMF event.