

SEAFARERS UNION SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships, established in 2007, are offered by the Seafarers Union Scholarship Trust in order to support and encourage undergraduate study in areas of benefit to the people of New Zealand.

Eligibility

Applicants will be New Zealand citizens who are registered and enrolled for undergraduate study at a New Zealand university. At time of application applicants should have completed at least one year of fulltime undergraduate study. Applicants must either be:

- a) members of the Maritime Union of New Zealand (Inc), or of the New Zealand Seafarers Union Inc or of the New Zealand Seamens Union Industrial Union of Workers, who are or were by occupation *seafarers* (see Annex 1); or
- b) the children or grandchildren of any member, as above.

Tenure

The scholarship is tenable for one year. Payment may be made in two instalments and is dependent on satisfactory progress.

Value

The scholarship will be \$5,000 per annum and may be used in any way that helps the scholar to meet the purposes of the award.

The scholarship is tenable with other scholarships, but account will be taken of the aggregate circumstances of the scholar and of the desirability of using available funds to best advantage.

Applications

Candidates shall enter for the scholarship on an application form available from the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee website. Applications should be lodged at the candidates university scholarships office by 1 December.

The application should be accompanied by:

- (a) birth certificate or other evidence of citizenship;
- (b) certified copy of the candidate's academic record;
- (c) a signed statement of not more than 250 words explaining the reason/s for applying for the scholarship;
- (d) evidence of other awards, achievements, and practical experience, relevant to the scholarship;
- (e) names of two persons who will be forwarding, to the University Scholarships Office by 1 December, a written assessment of the candidate including achievements, potential, and suitability for the award;
- (f) the name of the seafarer whose membership of the specified union/s authorises the candidate's eligibility to apply for this scholarship;
- (g) signed NZVCC Privacy Form.

Criteria

In considering the award the Selection Board shall take into account the:

- Candidate's academic record and achievement to date
- Supporting comments provided by confidential referees

Once the Selection Board have made their decision, the award will be confirmed once the NZVCC has checked the nominee's eligibility with the Seafarers Union Scholarship Trust.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will consist of the following members:

Convenor of the NZVCC Scholarships Committee or nominee
Two further representative of the NZVCC Scholarships Committee.

Administration

These scholarships will be administered by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee, Wellington, which will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarships, receiving applications, assisting the Scholarship's Board in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, arranging for payments, and reporting annually on the outcomes.

Power to Vary

The NZVCC may make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit governing the scholarships and may vary or revoke any rules and regulations and may deviate at the discretion of the NZVCC from strict adherence to any requirements relating to the scholarships according to the exigencies of the circumstances, provided always that such changes shall be consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship.

Annex 1:

The definition of "seafarer" will apply to a person whose usual occupation is or was one of the following:

- a) bosuns, launch masters, quartermasters, deck/storekeepers, deck maintenance men, able seamen, efficient deck hands, sailors, donkey men, pumpmen, pumpmen/greasers, oilers, firemen, motor-attendants, engineers' assistants, wipers, crew attendants, deck boys, ordinary seamen, deck hands, deck hand/crane divers, ships; watchmen, patrolmen, stock attendants on board ships, chief integrated ratings, integrated ratings, and/or any other person employed on, or about: ships, dredges, tugs, lighters, hulks barges, punts and ferries, hydrofoils, tow boats, oil rig tenders, semi-submersible drilling rigs (whether in drilling mode or not), launches, catamarans and surface effect vessels (such as and including commercial hovercraft);
- b) catering or provedoring personnel, including those engaged in cabin service and the loading and unloading of foodstuffs and utensils required in connection therewith, or in connection with any vessel;

- c) masters, mates, fireman, ticket checkers or ticket sellers, or wharf hands (engaged in dispatching and mooring), and night watchmen, or any other person, employed in the New Zealand Maritime Transport Industry.