

KIWIRAIL SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are provided annually by KiwiRail. There are up to ten awards available every year.

Eligibility

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- be the daughter or son of a permanent employee of KiwiRail (as at 1 December in the year of application)
- be intending to enrol, or be currently enrolled, full time for a first undergraduate degree or diploma at a New Zealand university, polytechnic or college of education
- be able to demonstrate that their course of study aligns with KiwiRail's core functions, e.g. Engineering, Tourism, Commerce, etc.
- not already have been a recipient of a KiwiRail Scholarship.

For more information about KiwiRail and its core functions visit the About Us page <http://www.kiwirail.co.nz/about-us/who-we-are.html> and the careers page <https://careers.kiwirail.co.nz/aob-article?siid=uGmM8>

Value and tenure

The value of each scholarship is \$2,000 and tenable for one year. Award payments will be made at such times and in such instalments as determined by Universities New Zealand. This will normally be in two instalments.

Scholarships must be taken up in the year they are awarded.

The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other bursary or scholarship, provided that the rules of the other award allow for this.

The Selection Committee may permit the scholarship to be retained by a scholar who transfers to another New Zealand tertiary institution after commencement of an approved course of study.

Applications

Applications must be made using the Universities NZ online application system in the year prior to that in which the award is to be taken up.

<https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

The closing date is 1 December at 5pm.

The application will request and applicants must provide:

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- a statement of their proposed course of study
 - a statement explaining the reasons for their application (approximately 300 words)
 - the names of two persons from whom references will be requested using the application system. Suitable persons include teachers or lecturers under whom the applicant has recently studied, a member of the applicant's iwi, hapu, or community group, or an employer or supervisor from either a voluntary or paid employment situation
 - certified copies of academic records.

Universities New Zealand will obtain NCEA and NZ Scholarships exam results from NZQA.

IB and Cambridge candidates must forward to Universities New Zealand a copy of their results as soon as they are received. If a candidate's results are not received by 31 January their application cannot be considered.

Selection

The scholarships are awarded by KiwiRail on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- the Chief Executive Officer of KiwiRail or their nominees (up to two)
- the Convenor of the Universities NZ Scholarships Committee or their nominee
- up to two further nominees of Universities New Zealand as required.

(At all times the Selection Committee shall reflect the EEO policies of KiwiRail.)

In determining the suitability of an applicant, the Selection Committee will consider with equal regard the applicant's academic record, leadership qualities, character, sporting, cultural or community commitments and contributions, and references. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final. If, in its opinion no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the award in any year, then no award will be made in that year.

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

Scholarship obligations

Upon successful completion of their year of study, scholars will agree to participate in either a presentation to KiwiRail management representatives or be interviewed for internal communication newsletters (dependant on location in New Zealand) on their study experience. Scholars' parents will be invited to participate in these activities as well.

KiwiRail reserves the right to use the names, photographs and details of successful scholars and their parent (i.e. KiwiRail employee) for advertising purposes with their prior knowledge.

Suspension or termination

Universities New Zealand may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the Selection Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the approved programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded. The scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments made if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme.

Concessions

The Selection Committee, may, if it thinks fit, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholar or applicant.

Publicity

The successful candidates will agree to have their names published and be available for interviews with the media if required.