BRIAN GAYNOR INITIATIVE – SCHOLARSHIP IN JOURNALISM REGULATIONS

Background:

In June 2023, Anna Gibbons (Brian Gaynor's wife of over 30 years) established the Brian Gaynor Business Journalism Initiative (the Initiative). Designed to recognise the contribution that Brian Gaynor, (co-founder of Milford Asset Management Limited), made to business journalism in New Zealand, and to help strengthen and promote the quality and appeal of New Zealand business and economic writing and journalism.

Purpose:

The Initiative, via the Milford Foundation, has established a contestable Scholarship, named the Brian Gaynor Scholarship in Journalism, to encourage and support final year undergraduate students interested in pursuing journalism, with a focus on business journalism, as a career.

Number and Value:

The value of the Scholarship is up to $5,000 per annum. The number of Scholarships available in any given year will be determined by the Selection Committee. The Scholarship is awarded annually and has a tenure of one year.

Eligibility:

The Scholarship is open to applications from tertiary students who are in the final year of study towards an undergraduate degree relevant to a career in journalism. Applicants must show an intent to build a career in business journalism.

Applications will be accepted from candidates who are:

- New Zealand Citizens, Permanent Residents, or the holder of a valid refugee visa,
- enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate degree at a New Zealand University undertaking study which includes business writing, journalism, or communications,
- able to demonstrate their interest in business journalism as a career,

Selection Criteria:

The Selection Committee will award Scholarships based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit
- Demonstrated evidence of interest and involvement in a career in journalism with a focus on the business and economic landscape

The Selection Committee reserves the right to make any determinations on eligibility based on the information submitted as part of the application.

The Selection Committee may refrain from making an award if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will normally consist of:

- A minimum of two members of the Milford Foundation Executive, or their representatives, one of whom shall be the Chair,
- The Chair of the Universities New Zealand Scholarship Committee, or nominee,
- At least one member of academic distinction in journalism appointed by Universities New Zealand.

The Selection Committee may invite shortlisted applicants to attend an interview.

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

Conditions of the Scholarship:

Recipients of the Scholarship are expected to adhere to the following conditions:

- use the funds awarded in a way which helps them to meet the purposes of the Scholarship.
- consent to their information being shared on Brian Gaynor Initiative communication platforms for the purpose of promoting the Scholarship programme and sharing their stories.
- if requested, attend an annual Milford Foundation Scholarship or other event.

The Milford Foundation may also at its discretion withdraw the Scholarship from a scholar should they cease to meet the conditions of the Scholarship.

Co-Tenure

The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries, or awards, with approval from the Chair of the Selection Committee.

Application Process

Applications must be made using the Universities NZ online application system: https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/

The online application will request, and applicants must provide:

- proof of NZ citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee visa
- university student ID number
- full particulars of other scholarships, bursaries or awards which have been applied for, or have been awarded.

- details of an academic referee able to comment on the business writing skills of the candidate.
- a sample of business writing not exceeding 1,200 words, suitable to the criteria of the Scholarship
- a statement commenting on the choice of academic programme of study and how this relates to future career plans in journalism or related industries.
- a good quality photograph *[Note that this is optional and not a required part of the application but if successful, it will be used for publicity purposes.]*

Applications close 1 June.

Administration and Payment

The Scholarship will be administered by Universities New Zealand who will publicise the availability of the Scholarship on the Universities New Zealand website, receive applications, assist the Selection Committee in the selection process, advise candidates of the results, and arrange payments.

One payment will be made to the successful applicant(s) with proof of continued enrolment in the final year.

Power to Vary

The Selection Committee may from time to time vary these regulations provided that such changes are consistent with the general purposes of the Scholarship.

These regulations govern the Brian Gaynor Initiative Scholarship in Journalism offered by the Initiative. By making an application, you accept these terms and conditions.

Publicity

Scholars will agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

Note: Milford Foundation will gain approval from any successful scholar prior to publishing any information.

If you have any questions that are not answered in this document, please contact scholarships@universitiesnz.ac.nz