



Forest Tertiary Scholarship

GUIDELINES

Application to support full time study towards a Forest Management Diploma or Degree.

The Lake Taupō Charitable Trust (LTCT) is offering scholarships to beneficiaries and/or their descendants of the Lake Taupō and Lake Rotoaira Forest Trusts studying towards a Forest Management Diploma or Forestry Science Degree. This is part of the Forest Management Programme (FMP) to build capability and capacity amongst the beneficial owners and their descendants.

The scholarships, representing one part of the programme, will be offered annually. The scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per annum for up to three (3) recipients.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a registered owner or a descendant of an owner who holds interests in Lake Taupō Forest or Lake Rotoaira Forest lands.
2. The student must provide evidence:
 - a. That he or she is currently enrolled full-time at either the University of Canterbury's School of Forestry in Christchurch, or Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology in Rotorua; and
 - b. That he or she is enrolled in a recognised course of study equivalent to a diploma or degree in forest management;
 - c. That they have already achieved strong results in a previous year of study in one of the forest management disciplines.
3. The applicant must clearly demonstrate how their commitment to their study has the potential to benefit them and the Māori owned forest estates, Lake Taupō Forest Trust and/or Lake Rotoaira Forest Trust (with a written statement of at least 500 words).

Application Process

1. The scholarship applications will be available to eligible applicants directly enrolled at the University of Canterbury School of Forestry in Christchurch, and the Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology in Rotorua.
2. The scholarship applications open on 1 July and close 31 August each year.
3. The scholarship may be supported for the minimum period required to complete the course of study, but shall not exceed four (4) years.
4. If successful, the recipient must reapply each year and show evidence of successful completion of your prior year's course of study.
5. This is a contestable fund and a maximum of three (3) scholarships may be awarded in any year.
6. Written progress reports from the tertiary institution will be a requirement of each successive application - a mid-year progress report and an end of year progress report.
7. Applications will not be retrospective.

Selection Criteria

1. A Select Committee made up of representatives from the Forest Trusts and their subsidiary company Lake Taupō Forest Management (LTFM) will be confirmed;
2. The Select Committee will shortlist the applicants and conduct the interviews. The key selection criteria will be based on the following:
 - a. An academic ability to complete the relevant course of study;



- b. Initiative, attitude, and motivation to succeed;
 - c. Proof of commitment to successfully complete the course of study.
3. The Select Committee may elect to award 0, 1, 2 or 3 scholarships in any year depending on their assessment of the applicants' suitability.
 4. If successful, the recipient will be expected to provide a report / seminar back to the Forest Trust Board of Trustees and/or the Owners at their Annual General Meetings.
 5. The Select Committee may, at their discretion, consider recommendations from the tertiary education providers during the shortlisting process.

Scholarship Distribution Process

1. The scholarship will be paid towards the student loan or fees direct at the learning institution;
2. The Lake Taupō Charitable Trust may terminate or revoke the scholarship at any time in any one or more of the following circumstances:
 - a. If the student fails to maintain a pass, and/or
 - b. If the progress reports from the tertiary institution reflect unsuccessful grades, lack of attendance or general feedback from the institution of poor attitude or behaviour.
3. These scholarships shall not create any legal rights in favour of persons awarded the scholarship except the right to receive the funds on offer.
4. There will be no legal responsibility against LTCT except to pay the entitlement of the fund under this scholarship entitlement.

Holiday Work Experience Opportunities

1. LTCT may offer opportunities towards paid work during the summer holiday breaks to the successful applicant/s;
2. This work will relate directly to areas that are relevant to your course of study. However, it cannot be guaranteed. We would encourage the successful applicant/s to be available if such an opportunity arises.
3. LTCT will work diligently to expose students to the practical elements in forestry where partnerships will be leveraged to provide these opportunities.
4. The successful applicant/s may be invited to partake in other areas of the Forest Management Programme to inspire other whānau to consider a professional career in the forestry industry.
5. Any recommendation, confirmation or decision made by Lake Taupō Charitable Trust in accordance with these guidelines shall be final, and no feedback for unsuccessful applicants will be entered.

Where do I apply for a scholarship application?

1. You must already be enrolled and studying at the following tertiary institutions
 - a. Toi-Ohomai Institute Technology, Rotorua and;
 - b. University of Canterbury School of Forestry in Christchurch.
2. The enrolled student must contact the forestry department at the above tertiary institutions to uplift the scholarship information and application form;
3. These applications open 1st July and close 31st August each year.
4. Once the applications have closed, the Lake Taupō Charitable Trust will manage the selection process.