

The Murray King Memorial Scholarship

General Information

Background of Award

This scholarship was established in 1998, as a memorial to the late Mr Murray King, who was a pioneer in the development of soil conservation programmes in the Wairarapa.

The funds are provided from a Trust fund, contributed to by individuals, local and regional authorities, interest groups, and charitable organisations.

Purpose of Award

To enable Wairarapa students to attend a New Zealand university and obtain degree qualifications, with particular emphasis on, soil conservation, soil and land management, indigenous forest management and conservation management.

Selection Criteria

Students who have completed part or all of their secondary education in the Wairarapa, or who live in the Wairarapa at the time of applying for the scholarship are eligible.

Preference will be given to students who are eligible to enter the third year and beyond, of an appropriate degree course, with applicable course subjects. Post-graduates are eligible to apply.

In awarding the scholarship the following factors (in no particular order of precedence) may be considered.

- academic ability
- personal attributes
- relevance of course study
- community associations
- potential for future career success

For guidelines and application forms about this award contact:

Murray King Memorial Scholarship
C/ Masterton District Council
P O Box 444
MASTERTON 5840

Phone: (06) 370 6300

Fax: (06) 378-8400

Email: mking.scholarship@mstn.govt.nz

Further Information

Any further information can be obtained from the following:

Mr David Cameron
Manager, Land Management
Greater Wellington Regional Council
P O Box 41
Masterton 5840

Number of awards offered

At the discretion of the Board, but generally one per year.

Value of award

Up to \$2,000 is currently available for award each year either as one scholarship or divided into several scholarships.

Tenure of award

Tenable for one year, payment to be paid half yearly during the academic year. The second instalment will be forwarded on receipt of a brief progress report.

Closing date for applications

31 December each year.

How do students apply?

On the approved Application Form, and an accompanying letter.

Where should applications be sent:

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Decision makers

The Murray King Memorial Trust Board

Notification of decisions

The Trust Board may draw up a short-list of applicants to be interviewed. Its decision will be announced in early February. All applicants will be notified by mail.

What conditions are attached to the acceptance of this award?

Recipients of the scholarship will be required to engage in full-time study, and take up the scholarship at the commencement of the academic year following the closing date. Awards will not be made retrospectively.

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- Students who have completed part or all of their secondary education in the Wairarapa, or who live in the Wairarapa at the time of applying for the scholarship are eligible. Wairarapa includes all areas under the administration of the Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils.
- Students shall be enrolled at a New Zealand university and studying towards a degree that contains an emphasis on, but is not exclusive to, soil conservation, soil and land management, integrated catchment management, indigenous forest management and conservation management.
- Indicative graduate courses that may further assist potential applicants are;
 - B. Agriculture - Lincoln
 - B. Agriculture Science – Lincoln
 - B. Agriculture Commerce – Lincoln
 - B. Applied Science (Agribusiness) – Massey
 - B. Applied Science (Agriculture) - Massey
 - B. Applied Science (Forestry) - Massey
 - B. Applied Science (Natural Resource Management) – Massey
 - B. Applied Science (Environmental Management) – Otago
 - B. Environmental Management (Natural Resources Management) - Lincoln
 - B. Environmental Studies - Victoria
 - B. Forestry Science - Canterbury
 - B. Science (Agriculture Science) – Massey
 - B. Science (Conservation & Ecology) – Lincoln
 - B. Science (Environmental Science) - Lincoln
 - B. Science (Technology Earth Sciences) - Waikato
- Preference will be given to persons who are eligible to enter the third year and beyond, of an appropriate degree course, with applicable course subjects. Post-graduates are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be engaged in full-time study, and take up the scholarship at the commencement of the academic year following the closing date.
- Applicants must present a transcript of the previous years university results, including papers taken and grades achieved.
- Previous holders of the scholarship may not apply for subsequent scholarships.
- In awarding the scholarship the following factors (in no particular order of precedence) may be considered.
 1. academic ability
 2. personal attributes
 3. relevance of course study
 4. community associations
 5. potential for future career success