



Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust

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NORTHERN DRIVERS' CHARITABLE TRUST SKILLS & TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

REGULATIONS

BACKGROUND

The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust's Skills & Training Scholarships (Scholarship) are provided annually to provide financial assistance to an individual obtaining training or retraining in any trade, skill, or tertiary study.

Scholarships are available for individuals enrolled in part or full-time training towards a trade, skill, or tertiary study, in New Zealand.

The training provider must be New Zealand-based and their qualifications registered with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. If in receipt of New Zealand government funding, the training provider is also required to be registered with the New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission.

The value of each Scholarship is dependent on the nature of the training, skill or tertiary study, with a maximum value of \$3,000 per individual per year.

Successful applicants must use the Scholarship towards expenses relating to their training, skill or tertiary study (and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Scholarship).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for the Scholarship must:

- Be a member of a union affiliated to the NZ Council of Trade Unions, or the spouse or child of such a union member (proof of union membership (name and membership number) is required);
- Be 17 years or over;
- Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand Permanent Resident Visa;
- Demonstrate desire, determination and ability to succeed in the chosen area of trade, skill or tertiary study; and
- Provide evidence of programme acceptance or satisfaction of programme entry requirements (with evidence of acceptance to follow).

SELECTION

A Scholarship is awarded by The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising of:

- Two of the current trustees of The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust; and
- One independent selection committee member.

In making the recommendation, the selection committee will consider:

- The nature of the training, skill or tertiary study to be undertaken by the applicant;
- An applicant's personal and financial circumstances and need;
- An applicant's own or familial union involvement; and
- An applicant's referee reports.

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APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available on the Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust's website or by request.

Applications must be received by 20 January annually for training or study in the year of application.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by 10 February annually for training or study in the year of application.

Applications received outside these timeframes may be considered by the selection committee on a case by case basis.

OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Applicants must use the Scholarship during the year in which it is awarded. Deferrals are not accepted.
2. Applicants must use the Scholarship funds (where possible) towards the course or programme provider's fees. Such funds will be paid directly to the provider wherever possible.
3. If applicants are eligible for the Government's fees free tertiary education or training, an application may be made to The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust for the cost of accommodation whilst completing study/training (halls of residence only), or for the cost of course or programme resources (for example, textbooks or technology). An invoice from the accommodation provider, or course or programme supplier's quote for resources must accompany all applications or be provided as a condition of granting the Scholarship.
4. The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust may award the Scholarship conditional on programme acceptance being obtained, accommodation being confirmed, course or programme fees or resource costs being confirmed, or any other conditions they deem applicable.
5. Applicants who do not complete the training or study for which the Scholarship was awarded, may be required to pay back all or part of the Scholarship amount at the sole discretion of The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust.
6. Where the study takes more than one year, and subject to successfully completing and passing previous study, applicants may apply for financial assistance on an annual basis for each year required to complete the trade, skill or tertiary study. However, such applicants are not guaranteed to be awarded additional Scholarships for future years.
7. By accepting the Scholarship, applicants agree to participate in publicity relating to the Scholarship as arranged by The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust if required. The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust reserves the right to use the names, photographs and details of successful applicants for promotional purposes.
8. The decision of The Northern Drivers' Charitable Trust shall be final.
9. The Northern Driver's Charitable Trust has the power to amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the selection committee, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
10. If, in the opinion of The Northern Driver's Charitable Trust, no applicant satisfies the eligibility criteria for a Scholarship in any year, then no Scholarship shall be offered that year.