



Hawkes Bay
Forestry Group

Hawkes Bay Forestry Group Forestry Scholarship - 2024 Applications for the 2025 Academic year.

Congratulations for considering a career in forestry.

Hawkes Bay needs capable people to manage commercial forests to ensure their profitability and ongoing contribution to our regional economy, community, and environment. Viable tree plantations are now widely accepted as an essential complement to climate change mitigation, soil conservation, and for enhancing habitat for native species.

A qualification in forestry will prepare you for a career in this exciting sector. You will work alongside great people in amazing places and all the while will be making a real difference to New Zealand's economic and environmental wellbeing.

About the Hawkes Bay Forestry Group (HBFG)

HBFG was established in 2015 to enhance the role of commercial forestry and wood processing in Hawkes Bay. Membership comprises most commercial forest owners in the region and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council which is also a significant forest owner. HBFG is also a collective voice for promoting best practice and for responding to issues, challenges and opportunities affecting the industry.

HBFG is keen to encourage people to want to work in forestry.

Objectives of this Scholarship

To support and encourage Hawkes Bay residents studying a tertiary qualification in forestry.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for this scholarship, applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Usually domiciled in the Hawkes Bay Region
- Enrolled in one of the following tertiary level forestry qualifications:

New Zealand Diploma in Forest Management, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Forestry Science, University of Canterbury

Bachelor of Engineering in Forest Engineering, University of Canterbury

Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry, University of Canterbury

Master of Forestry Science, University of Canterbury

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), in a forestry-specific topic

Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded to the candidate, who in the opinion of the selection panel, best demonstrates the following attributes:

- Commitment to a career in forestry
- Academic achievement
- Extracurricular / community achievement
- Leadership potential

In addition to the information provided in the scholarship application, the panel's assessment will be based on academic history, references, and an interview with short-listed applicants. More weighting will be given to references from previous employers.

Application Process

Application forms are available on the HBFSG website. Completed forms should be addressed to: 'The Chief Executive' at redaxenz@gmail.com and must be received no later than **24 September 2024**. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend an interview (may be remotely) with the selection panel in **mid October 2024**.

In the event that two or more applications are graded equally, the total scholarship funding will be split equally between those applicants.

Candidates will be notified of the outcome of the scholarship on 1 November 2024.

The successful applicant(s) will receive a certificate of acknowledgement and be named on the HB Forestry Group website, and potentially in media.

Payment

The total value of the scholarship is \$5,000.

The first payment of \$2,500 will be made in March 2025, upon the recipient providing evidence of enrolment in an accepted course of study.

The second payment of \$2,500 will be made when the recipient provides evidence of successfully completing the supported year of study.



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Hawkes Bay Forestry Group Forestry Scholarship Application Form

Contact details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Study details

Training Institution and Course of study:

Scholarship Assessment:

Answer the following as best you can. Be prepared to provide contact details of people who will vouch for your answers on request.

Criteria 1: Commitment to a career in forestry

Explain why you are pursuing a career in forestry:

Describe two examples where you have demonstrated resilience and commitment in order to achieve goals:

List or attach to this application a record of your work history:

Criteria 2: Academic achievement

Attach a copy of your NZQA record of learning and any other academic records and awards and submit them with this completed form .

Criteria 3: Extracurricular and community activities

List any extracurricular or community interests and activities you have been involved in below:

Criteria 4: Leadership potential

Describe any situations in your work, school or personal life where you have acted in a leadership role:

Referees:

Provide the names and contact details of two referees below. At least one referee must know you as an employer or supervisor in a work capacity and be able to comment on your performance in a work environment.

Referee 1:

Relationship to applicant:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Referee 2:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Signed by Applicant: _____

Date: _____