

Terms of Reference (TOR)

***Wither Hills* Scholarship for the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production**

Area of Use:

Students enrolled on Year Two of the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production.

This scholarship is designed to assist students with course fees and to generate and provide an opportunity through *Wither Hills* for recipients to enhance their understanding of the wine industry.

One scholarship may be awarded annually. *Wither Hills* may choose not to award the scholarship in any given year if the calibre of the applicants does not meet the required standards, even if this decision is made after the application date for the scholarship has past.

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled on Year Two of the NMIT Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production and intend to continue to the Year Three for the Bachelor in Viticulture and Oenology with Lincoln University based at the NMIT Marlborough campus
- Applicants must demonstrate the potential to succeed in their studies by providing the following:
 - character/work references.
 - a copy of their Year 1 Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production Academic Transcript.
 - a short statement (not more than 200 words) stating their future career plans within the Wine Industry.
- Applicants should show in their application a willingness for long term commitment to the Marlborough region
- Applicants must be a New Zealand citizen.
- In the event that the Year Two student does not go onto the Year Three at Lincoln University it will be at the discretion of *Wither Hills* as to whether it is awarded annually.

Conditions:

Wither Hills has made this scholarship available as a demonstration of its commitment to the Marlborough wine region and to supporting the success of the scholarship recipient where it can.

- The scholarship does not cover student association fees, re-sit costs, or text books and any other course materials.

- If the applicant changes to part-time, withdraws, or does not complete course requirements to continue onto the following year of study the scholarship may need to be refunded, this will be at the discretion of *Wither Hills and NMIT*

As part of this commitment, *Wither Hills* wishes to offer the recipient:

- Paid work experience during semester breaks and summer holidays
- Be the first choice for Vintage Placement and any other work experience required for course completion
- The option of full time paid employment after completion of studies until the end of Vintage.

The recipient to commit to:

- A presentation to *Wither Hills* on their learning and experiences at the Bragato Conference
- Attending the *Wither Hills* sponsored Scholarship presentation
- Fulfilling all other requirements of the TOR

Exclusions:

This Scholarship cannot be taken in conjunction with any other NMIT scholarship.

Value:

- One scholarship may be awarded annually for a two year term. The scholarship is a one off payment towards course fees to the maximum value of \$4,000.00 per year.
- Up to \$1,000 per year, for two years to cover the costs for the recipient to attend the annual industry Bragato conference.

Should the student not complete the year of study that the scholarship has been received for, it is at the discretion of *Wither Hills* in consultation with *NMIT* as to the repayments of the scholarship.

Panel Selection:

A panel made up of representatives of *Wither Hills*, an NMIT representative, and the Programme Leader of the NMIT Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production.

Decisions of the Panel are not open to appeal.

Promotion:

Application forms and information will be circulated via student enrolments and in NMIT scholarship advertising and print publications and will be available on the NMIT website.

Wither Hills and *NMIT* will promote the *Wither Hills* Scholarship recipient in appropriate media in Marlborough, throughout New Zealand with the *Wither Hills* parent company as appropriate, and within NMIT marketing material which includes brochures, website and display materials.

All scholarship recipients must agree to be available for promotional purposes by *NMIT/Wither Hills*.

Timing:

Applications must be forwarded on an official application form (available at www.nmit.ac.nz) and received by NMIT by **2.00 pm on 22 February 2012**. Late applications will not be accepted. The scholarship will be announced early in the academic year and awarded at a function shortly thereafter. The recipient must attend the ceremony or the scholarship may be withdrawn.

Validation:

The award of a Scholarship shall become void within 2 weeks after receiving official advice unless the recipient completes and forwards the Acceptance and Agreement Contract to NMIT Scholarship Coordinator that clarifies the Recipients acceptance of the Scholarship and agreement to perform any obligations, as stated in the Terms of Reference associated with this Scholarship.

Payment:

The Scholarship Coordinator shall arrange for an invoice to be issued to *Wither Hills* Limited for payment into student fees account or to Studylink if a debt exists. If fees are paid and no debt exists the Scholarship Coordinator shall arrange for a cheque to be issued in the recipient's name.

For the Bragato Conference costs, *Wither Hills* shall process financial arrangements.

NMIT shall arrange for an invoice to be issued by Nelson Polytechnic Society for the sum of \$4,000 inclusive of GST to *Wither Hills* annually.

Year Three recipient acknowledges that the amount of \$4,000 is for the Lincoln University fees. Lincoln University will raise and invoice *Wither Hills* directly semester by semester and upon receipt of payment Lincoln University who will arrange for payment into student fees account or to Studylink if a debt exists. Lincoln University will be responsible for the allocation of funds.

Should the Year Three student not complete the year of study that the scholarship has been received for, it is at the discretion of *Wither Hills* in consultation with Lincoln University as to the repayments of the scholarship.

Privacy:

The award of the scholarship may be acknowledged in media and marketing material by both NMIT and *Wither Hills* Limited.

In accordance with the Privacy Act 1993, recipients will sign a Release Form giving their permission for *NMIT* and *Wither Hills* to use recipient's personal information for publicity. Any approach from Lincoln University to the recipient regarding promotion or publicity is to be referred to NMIT in the first instance. The recipient can control the content used and length of time it is used.

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