

## **EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPEAKERS WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESOL)**

### **Terms of Reference**

**Aim:** To support students who have English as a Second Language studying at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology. Priority should be given to students who are not entitled to Student Allowance or Training Incentive Allowance.

**Area of Use:** Wish to enrol at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology in 2012 to start or continue a course leading to a recognised qualification.

**Eligibility:** Students identify themselves upon enrolment as English being their second language.

Students must be enrolled on a full time, full year or part year programme and have met specific programme entry requirements.

**Exclusions:** This Scholarship may not be used in conjunction with the Half Degree for Free Scholarship. These Scholarships are not available for NMIT short courses or Employment Scholarship Programmes (unless stipulated). Only one NMIT Scholarship can be awarded to a student in any one Calendar Year.

**Value & Funding:** Maximum allocation of \$500. This scholarship is funded by NMIT and payment will be by means of rebate on fees or to studylink if a debt exists.

**Promotion:** Application forms and information will be circulated via student enrolments, advertised via posters and on the NMIT website.

Students receiving a Hardship grant/scholarship have the option of limited participation in any NMIT promotions.

**Criteria:**

- Are a New Zealand resident.
- Must speak English as a second language.
- Exhibit high motivation and the ability to succeed.
- Demonstrate the need for financial assistance that may prevent their ability to succeed.

**Panel Selection:** The panel will be made up of One Group Manager or representative and at least two NMIT staff.

**Panel Decision:** Decisions of the Panel are not open to appeal or question by anyone. The Panel need not give reasons for any of their decisions.

Selection will be made at a time that allows the scholarship to be awarded early in the academic year

**Timing:** Applications must be received on an official application form to NMIT by 2.00 pm on 22 February 2012. Late applications will not be accepted.

**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 states: The Recipients acceptance of the

Scholarship and agreement to perform any obligations, as stated in the Terms of Reference associated with this Scholarship and the recipients intention of pursuing the course of intended study set out in his/her application.

**Payment:** Payment will be made direct onto student fees or to studylink if a debt exists

**Studylink notes:** Permanent residents and Australian citizens will now be subject to a two year stand down before they can access student loans via Studylink. For more information please contact [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz) .

**Privacy:** The award of the scholarship may be acknowledged in the local newspapers, website, posters and advertising.

In accordance with the Privacy Act 1993, recipients will need to sign a Release Form giving their permission for NMIT to use recipient's personal information for publicity. The recipient can control the content used and length of time it is used.