

# Equity Scholarship for Disability

## Terms of Reference

**Aim:** To support students with a recognised disability 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:** Student enrolled at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology in 2012 to start or continue a course leading to a recognised qualification.

**Eligibility:** Students who identify themselves upon enrolment as being a student with a recognised disability. Students must be enrolled on a full time programme and have met specific programme entry requirements.

**Exclusions:** This Scholarship may not be used in conjunction with the Half Degree for Free Scholarship. This Scholarship is 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 is paid as a credit onto fees or to studylink if a debt exists.

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

Students receiving an Equity Scholarship have the option of limited participation in any NMIT promotions.

### Criteria

- A New Zealand resident with a recognised disability.
- Exhibit high motivation and the ability to succeed.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance that may prevent their ability to succeed.

**Panel Selection:** The panel will consist of A Group Manager or representative and two NMIT staff members.

**Panel Decision:** Decisions of the Panel are not open to appeal or question by anyone. The Panel need not give reasons for 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.
- The recipient's intention of pursuing the course of intended study set out in his/her application.

**Payment :** This Scholarship is a rebate on fees and will be paid onto students fees account 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 which is not compulsory for Equity Scholarships, for NMIT to use recipient's personal information for publicity. The recipient can control the content used and length of time it is used.