

**Marine Farming Association Aquaculture Scholarship for the  
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Diploma in Aquaculture  
(Fish Farming and Fishery Management)**

**Terms of Reference**

The Marine Farming Association Inc (MFA) is a subscription based organisation, representing marine farmers in the top of the South Island of New Zealand, set up with the objective to promote, foster, advance, encourage, aid and develop the rights and interests of its members and the marine farming industry in general.

Farmers in this area of New Zealand grow approximately 80% of the marine products farmed in New Zealand.

This scholarship is funded by the Marine Farming Association as a demonstration of their commitment to skills training and management development in conjunction with the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology within the growing aquaculture industry of Golden Bay.

**Area of Use**

The Marine Farming Association will be awarded to a high school graduate from the Golden Bay area to study in the NMIT Diploma in Aquaculture (Fish Farming and Fishery Management).

**Selection Criteria**

- Year 12 or Year 13 high school graduate from Golden Bay High School or Collingwood Area School who has spent at least the last 6 months at that school.
- Or,
- A school leaver, whose parents are Golden Bay residents, who has completed high school outside the region as a boarder or who has been home schooled.
- School leaver certificate and evidence of Golden Bay residence (if boarder or home schooled) must be provided as evidence.
- Meets the entry criteria and be accepted onto the NMIT Diploma in Aquaculture (Fish Farming and Fishery Management) - refer Programme Regulations.
- Applicants must study full time consecutively for 2 years, applicants who discontinue study during this period will forfeit their scholarship on return to study. Except in the case of approved student exchange.
- Submits a 1 page essay (approx. 400 words) that demonstrates to the panel why the applicant wants to work in the aquaculture industry. As a guide, essay content should demonstrate the applicant's motivation to succeed in their study and their reasons for wanting to work within the aquaculture industry as well as relevant interests and experience.
- Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or hold a New Zealand permanent residency permit for at least 2 years.

**Value of the Scholarship**

As discussed, the value of the scholarship will cover 50% of the full course fees for 2 Years (4 semesters) to the maximum value of \$5,500.

- As an indication, in 2010, 50% of the full student fee was \$2,054.
- Course fees and material are subject to annual increases of approximately 5%.

#### **The Scholarship does not include**

- Student Association Fees
- Course related costs
- Costs associated with repeating courses after the 2 year period
- Costs associated with repeating assessments
- Fees for NMIT courses completed prior to the scholarship being awarded
- Courses studied that are not part of or cross-creditable to the NMIT programme being studied (Refer to the appropriate programme regulations)
- Scholarship cannot be taken in conjunction with any other NMIT scholarship.
- Living expenses, loans and allowances.
- Additional course materials and costs.

#### **Panel Selection**

A panel made up of Marine Farming Association President, a marine farming representative from Golden Bay (selected by the MFA) and an NMIT Aquaculture programme representative. Decisions of the Panel are not open to appeal or question. The Panel need not give reasons for any of their decisions.

#### **Promotion**

Application forms and information will be promoted through Golden Bay High School or Collingwood Area School, through NMIT scholarship advertising and print publications and will be available on the NMIT website.

NMIT will promote the Marine Farming Association Aquaculture Scholarship recipient in appropriate media in the Top of the South and throughout New Zealand and within NMIT marketing material which includes brochures, website and display materials.

All scholarship recipients must agree to be used for promotional purposes by NMIT.

#### **Timing**

Applications must be received on an official application form to NMIT by 2.00pm on 31 October 2011. The scholarship will be announced in November and awarded at either a school prize giving and/or a function early in the academic year.

#### **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 Scholarship Terms of Reference.
- Agreement to participate in specified promotion as per Terms of Reference.

- The Recipients intention of pursuing the course of intended study set out in his/her application.
- The recipients acceptance confirms their attendance at the Scholarship Ceremony.

### **Payment**

The Scholarship Coordinator shall arrange for a cheque to be issued by the Marine Farming Association directly into the student fees account.

### **Privacy**

The award of the scholarship will 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.