



Karahipi Scholarship

**Fifeshire-Hancock Scholarship
Application Form**

Closing date: Friday 24 October 2025 at 5pm

Information for applicants**The history of the scholarship**

The Fifeshire-Hancock Scholarship is a scholarship for deserving, meritorious, in-need, full-time, final year Nelson-Tasman district students at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) who are at risk of not being able to commence and complete their Final Year of degree studies or to be so impacted by financial hardship that it would clearly prevent them from achieving their potential.

The Scholarship is open to degree students of any department who show a commitment to the Nelson Tasman region and who can demonstrate a will and a potential to make a positive contribution to society through and beyond the successful completion of their degree. We will endeavor to have an experienced and supportive mentor made available to all successful applicants.

The Scholarship is the gift of Nelson-Tasman residents Peter Hancock and his wife Patricia Pollard to the Fifeshire Foundation for local students. Peter and Pat were enabled to complete their own degrees in 1961 by way of scholarships leading to successful careers in New Zealand, Australia and North America and now in association with the Fifeshire Foundation, wish to help Nelson-Tasman students in need, who demonstrate academic merit and potential to make a contribution to society.

Things to consider when completing this application form

As stated in the Applicant Terms of Reference, Fifeshire and the Donors welcome applications through NMIT with all the required supporting evidence. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

This application form must be typed and then printed to be signed by the student (or use of an electronic signature) and uploaded as part of the online application process on the NMIT scholarship website. This will include uploading the Personal Tutor and Head of Department statements/s.

Applicants will be assessed for completion by NMIT and all that comply will be passed to Fifeshire and the Donor for short-listing. Short-listed applicants interviewed by a Fifeshire-Hancock panel to enable them to demonstrate their potential.

The donors will provide a scholarship of \$10,000.00 for the 2026 academic year with monies awarded by Fifeshire in two tranches commencing at the beginning of the 2026 academic year and on satisfactory receipt of a report to be submitted by the successful Scholar at end of Term 2 once results are final.

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- 1) Students must provide evidence that they are at risk of being unable to proceed to and/or complete their final year of degree studies or be under such financial difficulty that it will significantly impact on their studies.
- 2) Students must have the potential to achieve a good Degree result.
- 3) Evidence of will and potential for a successful career that will be of benefit to society demonstrated by activities and interests to date and career aspirations.

Please see the NMIT website for further guidance on the Fund and deadlines for applications.

Please note that completed applications and supporting documents cannot be returned.

Part 1:**Section A: Your Personal Details**

First Name	
Surname/Family name	
NMIT email address	
Home address	
Student Number	
Date of Birth	
Contact phone number	
Term-time address	

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Part 1:
Section B: Dependents and Accommodation

Please answer the following questions:

Dependents	Yes	No
Are you an independent student (see below)		
You are 25 years or over before the start of the academic year		
You have been married or entered into a civil partnership before the start of the academic year		
You have care of a child or children		
You have supported yourself for at least three years before the start of your course		
You have no living parents, or you are permanently estranged from your parents		

Accommodation	Yes	No
Are any adults or children financially dependent on you? If yes, please indicate how many:		
Do you live alone or the sole adult		
With partner or spouse		
Shared house		
Live with parent(s) or guardian(s)		

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Part 2: Course Details

Course title		
Length of course		
Department		
Expected completion date		
Year of study		
Marks to date for year two		
Mode of study	Full time <input type="checkbox"/>	Part time <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please state reasons you are at risk of not being able to proceed to and/or complete the final year of your degree or having your studies so compromised as to impact on your potential to achieve a good degree, and the consequences for you if unsuccessful in this application. Include any other information not covered elsewhere as to why you are in financial difficulty and require support.

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Please explain what steps you have taken to address your financial difficulties, e.g. reviewed your over - draft status, part time work, other grant applications sought, parental support.

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To address the criteria for this scholarship and why you consider you meet the criteria of deserving and meritorious other than by virtue of financial need; please summarise the following:

Your main interests and activities before and/or whilst studying at NMIT which reflect your greatest interests and demonstrate your potential to have a successful career and to be of benefit to society.



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Part 5:

Section B

Your ambitions for a successful career, your understanding of how it can contribute to society and other interests and activities you wish to pursue after graduating.

Part 5:Section C

Your understanding of mentoring and how it could operate between a scholarship winner and a mentor and what you would hope to gain from undertaking mentoring to develop your confidence and employability.

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Part 6: Income
Section A: All Students

Supporting evidence can be submitted by good quality photographs if a scanner is not available.

Sources	Amount paid monthly \$	Evidence Needed	Checklist
Student allowance		Student Finance (or other) notification letter	
Parental contribution		Annotate on bank statements or provide a letter/email from family stating total contribution over the academic year	
Student loan		Student loan notification letter and last 3 months bank statements, one showing receipt of loan instalment	
Teacher training grant		Notification letter	
Professional/career development loan		Loan agreement and payment schedule	
Disability allowance		Benefit decision notice	
Part-time earnings (term time)		Annotate payments on bank statements or IRD if work has ended	

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Part 6:
Section B: Students with partners and/or dependents

Sources	Amount paid monthly \$	Evidence Needed	Checklist
Partners net earnings		Annotate payments on bank statements or IRD if work has ended	
Partners benefits, pensions, etc.		Notification letters	
Partners student loan		Relevant proof	
Partners student allowance		Student finance breakdown or grant notification	
Family tax credits		Award notification from IRD	
Childcare subsidy		Relevant proof	
Accommodation supplement		Benefit decision notice	

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Part 7: Expenditure

Expenses	Amount paid monthly \$	Evidence Needed
Food / household / toiletries / laundry		Documentary evidence not required for these categories as standard figures are used for assessment.
Utility bills (gas/electric/water)		
Telephone		
Clothes/shoes		
Leisure		
Rent/mortgage		Tenancy or mortgage agreement. Should also be annotated on your 3 months bank statements
Insurance (building, life, contents)		Notification document
Rates		Current rates bill
Daily travel to NMIT		
Travel to and from home for holidays		
Other expenditure (internet)		
Car costs		
Health costs (eye care, dental, diagnostic tests)		e.g. invoice for diagnostic tests
Tuition fees (if not paid by grant, loan or parent)		
Other course costs (field trips, materials)		Confirmation from your department that the trip is compulsory. Include dates, location and costs to you. Receipts needed for items over \$50.00
Childcare (registered/private)		Letter from childcare provider confirming the costs.
Child support payments		Relevant proof
Total		

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Part 8: Debts

Please list your debts below, including those to the NMIT.

Creditor - person or company owed	Amount overdraft	Nature of debt (e.g. rent, credit cards, store cards)

Part 9: Disability / Dyslexia / Medical needs

Please tick as appropriate:

Disability/Dyslexia/Medical needs	Yes	No
Do you have a disability or a chronic medical condition		
Have you applied for disability allowance (if yes, please provide relevant proof)		
Are you happy for this information to be shared with the NMIT accessibility services team (for support purposes)		

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I certify that all the information given on this form is correct and complete and I understand that giving false information may constitute fraud and such matters may be pursued through criminal prosecution.

I understand that giving false information or failing to disclose all relevant information may render me liable to disciplinary action and I may be required to repay any grants obtained by me as a result.

I understand that the terms and conditions of the award will require me, if successful, and after receiving the initial payment at beginning of the academic year, initial to submit reports to trigger payment instalments at commencement of each term or semester.

I understand that these terms will require me to notify NMIT of any change in financial circumstances or withdrawal from NMIT and that I may then be required to repay part/all of the award.

I give permission for enquiries to be made of the relevant authorities to substantiate the information provided.

I understand that all the information provided within this application may be viewed and assessed by the donors, Peter Hancock, Patricia Pollard and the Staff and Trustees of The Fifeshire Foundation as part of the selection process and understand NMIT will seek to facilitate contact between the Donors and Fifeshire with award recipients for mentoring, support and updates.

Signature:

Date:

Confidentiality:

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be divulged to anyone unconnected with the administration of The Fifeshire-Hancock Scholarship and your designated mentor without your permission.