

## **Terms of Reference (TOR)**

### **Akaroa Salmon Scholarship for the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Diploma in Aquaculture (Level 5)**

#### **Area of Use:**

Students enrolled in Year One or Year Two of the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) Diploma in Aquaculture Level 5 (fish farming and fishery management).

There is one scholarship available for these programmes. The scholarship is designed to assist students with course fees and to generate and provide an opportunity through **Akaroa Salmon** for recipients to enhance their understanding of the aquaculture industry.

One scholarship may be awarded annually to cover 100% the recipient's second year course fees and can be awarded to applicants enrolled in either year one or year two of the NMIT Diploma in Aquaculture (fish farming and fishery management).

**Akaroa Salmon** may choose not to award the scholarship in any given year if the calibre of the applicants does not meet the required standards.

The study application process would follow normal NMIT requirements and procedures with no guarantee by Akaroa Salmon that selection by NMIT would be successful, however the candidate would be fully supported in the application process.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Preference will be given to applicants who are school leavers residing in the Canterbury region, and in particular, on Banks Peninsula.
- Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or be legally able to work and reside in New Zealand.
- Applicants must demonstrate the potential to succeed in their studies by providing the following:
  - A copy of their current NCEA records, or Year 1 Aquaculture Academic Transcripts
  - Character/work references.
  - Applicants must supply a list of current achievements and activities, under the following headings: *Academic, Positions of Responsibility, Sporting, Cultural, Community*
  - A short statement (not more than 200 words) stating their future career plans within the Aquaculture Industry.

***The student would be offered paid employment at the Akaroa Salmon Farm in Akaroa Harbour in the weeks not required on campus for study, or for NMIT work placements.***

**Conditions:**

- The scholarship does not cover student association fees, re-sit costs, text books, any other course materials, or personal costs such as accommodation and travel.
- 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 **Akaroa Salmon** and NMIT.
- The successful applicant must attend the **Akaroa Salmon** / NMIT sponsored Scholarship presentation.
- Be available to have their name used in promotion for **Akaroa Salmon**.
- Be available to participate in a paid internship with **Akaroa Salmon** at their premises in Akaroa Harbour, Banks Peninsular.

**Exclusions:**

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

**Panel Selection:**

A panel will be made up of representatives of **Akaroa Salmon**, an NMIT representative, and a tutor from the Diploma of Aquaculture programme.

Decisions of the Panel are final and 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.

**Akaroa Salmon** and NMIT will promote the scholarship recipient in appropriate media in Top of the South, the Canterbury region, and throughout New Zealand within the Akaroa Salmon company as appropriate, and within NMIT marketing material which includes brochures, website and display materials.

The scholarship recipient must agree to be available for promotional purposes by **Akaroa Salmon** / NMIT.

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

**Timing:**

Applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Payment:**

On successful completion of each year of the programme funds will be transferred into the student's fees account with NMIT or to Study Link if debts exist. If no debts exist, the Scholarship Coordinator shall arrange for a payment to be credited to the nominated bank account of the recipient.