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### What Scholarships Cover

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) Scholarships are allocated to cover either NMIT course fees or for associated study costs for a particular Programme. (As stated in the respective Terms of Reference) Sponsorship Scholarships cannot be transferred from one programme to another.

Student levies and course-related costs are not covered by fees-based scholarships unless otherwise stated. Scholarship recipients are required to cover student levies and any other course-related costs at the time of enrolment.

### Eligibility

- NMIT Scholarships are only available to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.
- Scholarships can only be taken up on the year allocated on the scholarship conditions unless approved by an NMIT Scholarships Delegate.
- All scholarships are available to students at any NMIT Campus, providing the associated programme is offered there.
- Scholarships are for full-time students unless otherwise stated.
- Unless otherwise stated, students must be studying directly with NMIT. Programmes offered through partnerships and subcontracting arrangements are not eligible.

#### These include:

- TANZ eCampus
- AUT (Bachelor of Sports and Recreation)
- For the purpose of scholarships, 'of Pacific descent' refers to citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Sāmoa, American Sāmoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Nauru and Rapanui (Easter Island).
- Fee discount scholarships are not available to NMIT staff and/or their immediate family members if they are eligible for the staff discount.
- Scholarships are not available to NMIT staff and/or their immediate family members for high-demand programmes that do not qualify for the staff discount.

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## Scholarships Offered

NMIT renews its portfolio of scholarships on an annual basis and reserves the right to withdraw scholarships at any given time.

## The Application Process

- To apply for a scholarship, you must meet the entry requirements for the programme associated with the scholarship.
- Scholarships cannot be awarded until you have been offered a place, confirmed your enrolment, and completed the cancellation period.
- As part of the scholarship application process, you may be required to attend an interview.
- You can apply for multiple scholarships, however, only one fees-based scholarship can be awarded per applicant per year. If you are eligible for more than one scholarship, the Scholarships Approval Panel will award the highest value scholarship only.
- Decisions made by the Scholarships Approval Panel are final.

## Tips for Applicants

### *Writing Your Personal Statement*

Think of your personal statement like a job application; you need to put your best foot forward and convince us that you are the best candidate for this scholarship.

- Start by introducing yourself; tell us a little about yourself and your background including where you studied and/or worked and what your interests are.
- Tell us why you want to study on this programme.
- Describe any work experience you have had. (paid or volunteer work, study etc).
- Explain your career aspirations.
- Tell us why you believe you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship.
- Describe how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

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## Selecting Your Referees

As part of your application, you will be required to provide the names and contact details of two people to be your referees.

### The best referees are:

- teachers, tutors, trainers, or lecturers,
- employers or work experience supervisors,
- sports coaches,
- volunteer work organisers,
- community leaders or religious leaders,
- Or people you have worked closely with from other agencies.

**Please note:** Referees must not be immediate family, friends, or flatmates.

Consult with potential referees and have them agree before listing them on your application.

## Responsibilities of Successful Applicants

We encourage all scholarship recipients to attend the awards ceremony with friends and family.

Please be aware your name and photo may be used for promotional purposes.

If you choose to change from full-time to part-time study during the year, NMIT reserves the right to end the scholarship arrangement. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

If you withdraw from your programme of study, NMIT reserves the right to end the scholarship arrangement and you may be required to repay part or all of the scholarship awarded.

You may be required to pass the courses you undertake to continue to receive scholarship funding. If you do not pass or complete your programme of study, you cannot use your scholarship funds to pay for repeating a course.