

Advanced Energy Technology Scholarship Application Guidelines

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

This scholarship (worth up to \$5,000) is to support and foster Māori, Pacific, and Female learners who have an interest in the Engineering sector (Mechanical and Electrical/Electronics), who are facing disadvantage and/or inequitable access to tertiary education which would otherwise present a barrier to them in studying engineering.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be of Māori or Pacific descent, OR
 - Be a woman (assigned female at birth and/or self-identify as female)
- AND
- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
 - Meet the entry requirements for the NZ Diploma in Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Mechanical or Electrical/Electronics).

Supporting Information

You will need to provide the following additional documentation to complete your application:

- A personal statement (up to 500 words) that outlines the special circumstances that make you a candidate for this scholarship.
- Academic Transcripts covering your academic record to date.
- Two referee reports (please ensure you use the templates provided on the scholarship webpage).

Tips for Applicants

Writing Your Personal Statement

Think of your statement like a job application; convince us that YOU are the best candidate for this scholarship.

- Start by introducing yourself; tell us about your background, where you've studied and/or worked and what your interests are.
- Tell us why you want to study this programme.
- Describe any experience you have in this area (paid or volunteer work, study etc).
- Explain what your intentions and career aspirations are once you complete your studies.
- Tell us why you believe you are a good candidate for this scholarship.
- Describe how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

Selecting Your Referees

Character Referee: a person who has known you for at least three years who can attest to your good character. This should not be a friend or relative and should preferably be someone in a position of authority (e.g., teacher, employer, youth group leader, family friend in a managerial and/or professional role).

Academic Referee: a teacher or tutor who is able to comment on your academic performance, work ethic and attendance, along with your ability to succeed in this programme. Alternatively, it could be your line manager within your current employing organisation.

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