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SCHOLARSHIP PACK 2026

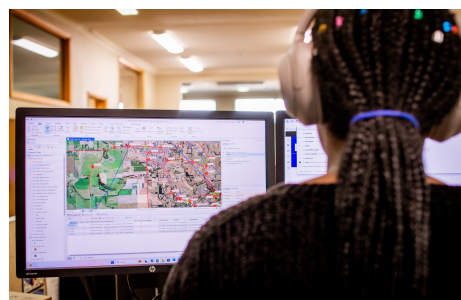
At Network Waitaki, we are looking to the future.

We need great people with a range of skills to help us provide a safe, reliable electricity network and support the future needs of our communities. Our scholarship programme helps local students build skills that are relevant to our business and the electricity industry.

Every year Network Waitaki invests in young people and the future of our business and community through our Scholarship Programme.

We are proud to support local students as they gain qualifications and practical experience relevant to our business and the wider electricity industry.

Former Waitaki Girls' High School student **Esther Gbolagun** was awarded a Network Waitaki Scholarship and is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Surveying at the University of Otago. Esther returns to Network Waitaki during university breaks, gaining valuable practical experience while applying her studies.



Former Waitaki Boys' student **Duncan McLeod** was awarded a Network Waitaki scholarship and gained a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) from the University of Canterbury's College of Engineering. Duncan joined Network Waitaki as a Graduate Engineer and is now a Asset Lifecycle Engineer, working to ensure our assets deliver a safe and reliable service.

*"Having this scholarship has helped me expand on my learning from my university studies and coming back to my home town gives me reason to give back to the community."
- Esther*

Who can apply?

The Network Waitaki Scholarship is available to students who:

- have studied at a secondary school within the area serviced by Network Waitaki;
- are enrolled, or intend to enrol, in a degree or diploma provided within New Zealand; and
- are studying in a field relevant to Network Waitaki and our future workforce needs. Relevant fields may include:
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Geographic or Geospatial Information (GIS)
 - Computer or Information Systems
 - New and emerging technologies relevant to the electricity industry
 - Other corporate or professional fields, such as accounting, health and safety, or human resources

Scholarship funding

Broadly, there are two options as to the pathway to your future, via either:

- \$7,500 per year contribution towards an approved Degree qualification, or
- \$5,000 per year contribution towards an approved Diploma qualification

The majority of graduates go on to enjoy a rewarding, diverse career in the engineering or power sector.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Network Waitaki Scholarship has terms and conditions that successful applicants must agree to.

These include:

- maintaining satisfactory course results;
- providing evidence of course results before funding is paid for following years;
- being available for paid work with Network Waitaki during holiday periods;
- agreeing that Network Waitaki may use the recipient's photo and comments in scholarship and career promotional material; and
- meeting the requirements set out in the scholarship agreement.

A graduate position may be offered following completion of study, subject to a suitable position being available.

If the agreed scholarship requirements are not met, Network Waitaki may stop future funding or require scholarship funding to be repaid.

APPLICATION FORM

Applicant

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Mobile:

Date of birth:

Residency status in Waitaki:

School:

School Level (Year 12 or 13):

Parental/Caregivers details:

Name:

Address (if different than above):

Home Phone (if different than above)

Mobile:

Email:

Referees

Please provide a minimum of two referees below:

Referee 1:

Relationship:

Name:

Home Phone/Mobile:

Email:

Referee 2:

Relationship:

Name:

Home Phone/Mobile:

Email:

Proposed qualification:

Qualification name:

Education provider:

Which scholarship are you applying for:

☐ Degree scholarship [\$7,500 per annum]

☐ Diploma scholarship [\$5,000 per annum]

I confirm that the information I have provided is true and accurate.

SIGNATURE

DATE

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist to make sure you meet the criteria for the Network Waitaki Scholarship Programme:

- ☐ I have studied at a secondary school within the area serviced by Network Waitaki.
- ☐ I am studying towards a degree or diploma in a field relevant to Network Waitaki.

Including as much of the following as you can in your application will really help us make the right decision:

- ☐ Written references or endorsements.
- ☐ Academic record.
- ☐ Resume – aka curriculum vitae.
- ☐ Short essay on either:
 - Electricity distribution and your views on the part electricity will play in contributing to a clean energy future.
 - Information technology, and how we can utilise it to improve business systems and customer relations.
- ☐ A brief outline of why you want to work in your chosen career and for Network Waitaki.

Applications close at:
5pm on Friday,
27th November 2026

Submit your application as follows:

POST

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