

MARITIME UNION SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships were established in 2007 by the Seafarers Union Scholarship Trust to support and encourage undergraduate study in areas of benefit to the people of New Zealand. The Seafarers Union has since merged with the Waterfront Workers Union to form the Maritime Union of New Zealand Incorporated. The scholarships are now offered by the Maritime Union Scholarship Trust.

Eligibility

Applicants will be New Zealand citizens who are enrolled for undergraduate study at a New Zealand university. At the time of application applicants should have completed at least one year of fulltime undergraduate study.

Applicants must also be either:

- members of the Maritime Union of New Zealand Inc., and/or of the New Zealand Seafarers Union Inc., and/or of the New Zealand Seamen's Union Industrial Union of Workers, and/or of Waterfront Workers Union, and/or of the Waterside Workers Federation/Association, who are or were by occupation *seafarers* or *wharfies/watersiders* (see Annex 1); OR
- the children or grandchildren of any member, as above.

Value and tenure

The scholarship will be \$5,000 per annum and may be used in any way that helps the scholar to meet the purposes of the award. Payment may be made in two instalments and is dependent on satisfactory progress.

The scholarship is tenable for one year, and can be used with other scholarships, but account will be taken of the aggregate circumstances of the scholar and of the desirability of using available funds to best advantage.

Applications

Candidates must apply using the Universities NZ online application system: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

The closing date is 1 December.

The application process will request, and applicants must provide:

- proof of New Zealand citizenship
- their academic record
- a statement explaining the reason/s for applying for the scholarship (250 words)
- evidence of other awards, achievements, and practical experience relevant to the scholarship

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- the names of two persons from who references will be requested; the applicant will use the online system to initiate requests for references
 - **the name of the union member** whose **membership** of the specified **union/s** authorises the candidate's **eligibility** to apply for this scholarship
 - Details of which **port** this **union member shipped out of** or **primarily worked in.**

Criteria

In considering the award the Selection Committee shall take into account the:

- candidate's academic record and achievement to date
- supporting comments provided by confidential referees.

Once the Selection Committee have made their decision, the award will be confirmed once Universities New Zealand has checked the nominee's eligibility with the Maritime Union Scholarship Trust.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will consist of the following members:

- the Convenor of the Universities NZ Scholarships Committee or their nominee
- two further representatives of the Universities NZ Scholarships Committee.

Administration

These scholarships will be administered by Universities New Zealand, Wellington, which will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarships, receiving applications, assisting the Scholarship Committee in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, arranging for payments, and reporting annually on the outcomes to the Maritime Union Trustees.

Power to vary

Universities New Zealand may make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit governing the scholarships and may vary or revoke any rules and regulations and may deviate at the discretion of Universities New Zealand from strict adherence to any requirements relating to the scholarships according to the exigencies of the circumstances, provided always that such changes shall be consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship, i.e. they shall not exceed the limits of, or be contrary in any way to, the Eligibility section above.

Publicity

The successful candidate will agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

Annex 1

Membership of any named union in this document, as described in the Eligibility section, may confer eligibility for the scholarship to an applicant if they or a parent or grandparent were union members.

Seafarer

- a. *bosuns, launch masters, able seamen, efficient deck hands, pumpmen/greasers, oilers, firemen, motor-attendants, engineer's assistants, crew attendants, deck boys, ordinary seamen, deck hands, crane drivers, ships' watchmen, chief integrated ratings, integrated ratings, and/or any other such person employed on, or about: ships, dredges, tugs, lighters, hulks barges, punts and ferries, hydrofoils, tow boats, oil rig tenders, semi-submersible drilling rigs (whether in drilling mode or not), launches, catamarans and surface effect vessels (such as and including commercial hovercraft);*
- b. *catering or provedoring personnel, including those engaged in cabin service and the loading and unloading of foodstuffs and utensils required in connection therewith, or in connection with any vessel;*
- c. *masters, mates, firemen, ticket checkers or ticket sellers, or wharf hands (engaged in dispatching and mooring), and night watchmen, or any other union member employed in the seafaring industry.*

Watersider

- d. *The loading and unloading of ships, log operations, the handling and storage of cargo and other goods at or about or in the immediate vicinity of any wharf, wharves, quay, pier, jetty or other place capable of being used for these purposes; The loading and unloading of barges, lighters or other vessels; receipt and delivery clerical duties including computer entries as required by the Company under the supervision of the Company's R&D Co-Ordinators; Tallying of cargo as required;*
- e. *All driving of mechanical equipment, straddles, hoists, cranes, stationary machines, ships cranes and ships gantries, all lashing work and ships gear used in cargo handling, all self-propelled machinery, Mails, luggage, ships stores, cars, livestock, bulk liquids and perishable cargo subject to deterioration, passenger ships or cruise liners, passenger baggage, ships stores, cargo, the cleaning and preparation of holds, including dunnage, any leading hand, foreperson, trainee or relief supervisory work undertaken by members of the Union and including but not limited to;*
- f. *All other classes of work customarily performed by members of the Maritime Union of New Zealand Incorporated, including work provided for in the Waterfront Industry Commission Act of 1976.*