

# Transpower Scholarship for Māori Engineering Students

## Transpower New Zealand Limited

### Purpose

Transpower connects New Zealanders to their power system, through safe, smart solutions for today and tomorrow. We stand together, tū mai Aotearoa, to keep the lights on for New Zealand – planning, building and operating the system that powers our country and our lives 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We transport electricity from where it is generated to cities, towns and some major industrial users. We connect with lines companies who deliver that power to the doorsteps of your homes and businesses. We are proud to have done this in one form or another for over 100 years.

The purpose of the Transpower Scholarship for Māori Engineering Students is to assist students of Māori descent who are studying a four-year Bachelor of Engineering with Honours degree in disciplines of interest to Transpower.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a New Zealand citizen or have New Zealand permanent residency
- Be studying a four-year Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) at a New Zealand university, majoring in Electrical and Electronics, Mechanical, Civil and/or Mechatronics engineering.
- Be in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year of study when they are awarded the scholarship
- Be of Māori heritage

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have achieved the equivalent of a GPA of 6 or above in the year prior to application,
- Have demonstrated leadership potential, i.e. through having taken leadership roles at school, university, and/or in their community
- Have provided of cultural participation in a Māori context /in their community

## Application Process

Applicants must:

- Apply for the Scholarship by Monday 1 April 2019
- Fully complete the online application form
- Upload a Letter of Application, a CV/Resume, and an official transcript of their university marks to date
- Provide two referees, one of whom can provide verification of your cultural participation in a Māori context /in your community

The Letter of Application should include the following:

### **Career Aspirations**

- Why did you choose to study your particular field of Engineering?
- What are your future goals and how will a Transpower scholarship help you to get there?

### **Financial Circumstances**

- Please outline any financial circumstances you think Transpower should be aware of in relation to this application

### **Demonstrated Leadership Potential**

- Tell us about any leadership roles you have held at school, at university, in sports or cultural activities, or in your community.

### **Demonstrated Maori Heritage and participation in a Maori cultural context**

- Outline your whakapapa
- Outline any participation you have in a cultural context or in your community. This might include mentoring school students from your community, participating in Maori students' groups or cultural groups at university, etc

## **Selection Process**

The criteria for selection will be on:

- A Selection Committee made up of Transpower staff will assess applications after the closing date.
- Short-listed candidates may be required to complete a video and/or face to face interview
- The Scholarship is awarded by Transpower on the recommendation of the Selection Committee
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email
- The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## **Scholarship Value**

The scholarship is for \$5000 per annum, for one year. One scholarship is offered per year.

## **Regulations**

The following conditions apply:

- The scholarships are for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> years of study year and are only awarded to those students who are New Zealand citizens or have New Zealand permanent residency.
- The scholarships will be awarded on the basis that the information supplied is true and correct and Transpower reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if the information is proved inaccurate.
- The Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not accept the Scholarship by the required date, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another person. A Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- Payment will be paid direct to the tuition fees of the successful applicants.
- Scholarship funds are not entitled to be refunded to students.
- Scholarship recipients may be required to repay part or all the scholarship funds if they withdraw from the programme or transfer to another programme.
- At Transpower's discretion, successful candidates may be offered paid work at Transpower during the summer vacation at the end of the year in which the Scholarship is held. Transpower will ensure that the summer

vacation work complies with the sub-professional work requirements of the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree.

- If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship will be awarded.
- Successful candidates must be willing to feature in Transpower and/or University promotional material/publications.
- Transpower may from time to time vary these regulations provided that such changes are consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship.

### **Please Note**

When completing the application via the Snaaphire link please ensure that you complete it in one session. Should you save a draft application it is likely that you will encounter technical issues when you attempt to submit your final application.

If you would like to check whether your application has successfully been submitted, please email [careers@transpower.co.nz](mailto:careers@transpower.co.nz)