

Tait Foundation

Scholarship Application Guidelines

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Eligibility

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

- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, or international student.
- Be enrolled to study at Ara
- Be faced with challenges in achieving your career pathway goals, this could be due to a combination of challenges for example (but not limited to):
 - Financial hardship
 - Ethnicity
 - Learning disabilities
 - Equity issues

Eligible Programmes

New Zealand Diploma in Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Mechanical)

New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 4)

New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Level 4)

Supporting Information

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

- A personal statement (no more than one page) that outlines your circumstances that make you a candidate for this scholarship.
- 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? What is the journey that has led you here.
- Explain what your intentions and career aspirations are once you complete your studies.
- Describe how this scholarship will help you to overcome your challenges and 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 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 tutor who is able to comment on your academic performance, work ethic and attendance, along with your ability to succeed in this programme.

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