

Scholarship Notice
Invitation to Apply for

Central Hawke's Bay Environmental Advancement Scholarship

Applicable Study:	Any study following high school in environmental fields
Closing Date:	15/10/2022
Tenure:	3 years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Value:	\$2,000 each year (\$6,000 in total over 3 years).

Description

Low Environmental Impact (LEI) and Beca are part of a team working with the Central Hawkes Bay District Council to improve wastewater management across the district as part of #Thebigwastewaterstory.

One of our aspirations is to give back to the communities that we work with, in a way that will empower them to develop sustainable futures. In recognition of this we would like to support a student from your community with a scholarship to support their studies.

The teams at Beca and LEI are delighted to offer this scholarship to a Central Hawke's Bay student enrolling in an environmental field with a scholarship to the value of \$2,000 per annum for 3 years.

Scholarship funds are for studies commencing in the 2023 academic year and may be used for study at accredited institutions in New Zealand. Such institutions could include Universities, Polytech's and Wānanga.

We invite students to apply with an original presentation that explores an environmental issue in Central Hawkes Bay or the wider region.

About LEI and Beca

Low Environmental Impact is a small environmental consultancy of 22 staff with local offices in Palmerston North and Christchurch, and a national reach.

We provide specialist services in small community wastewater, nutrient management, irrigation, land treatment, and stormwater management to a range of small and large clients (farmers, property owners, iwi, hapū, industry, local council, central government) throughout New Zealand.

Beca is one of Asia Pacific's largest independent advisory, design and engineering consultancies. After a century of operation, we have grown from a family-owned business to one of the most progressive, client-centric professional services consultancies in our region.

We have more than 3,300 employees in 21 offices around the world and have delivered projects in more than 70 countries.

Eligibility for the Central Hawke's Bay Environmental Advancement Scholarship

Students eligible for the scholarship will be:

- current high school students from the Central Hawke's Bay district area (resident) who will finish school in 2022;
- committed to completing study and advancing their knowledge;
- committed to the environment, and their local community; and
- commencing training in environmental or related studies, including engineering, science, land management and planning.

What is to be submitted

Applications for the scholarship shall provide a cover letter setting out:

- name and contact details;
- name of a school referee that can verify academic achievement;
- intended plans for further study, being what, where and details of the programme; and
- an introduction to an original presentation of work (which should be attached or can be viewed) that explores an environmental issue in Central Hawkes Bay or the wider region, which should be attached to the letter. Note that the 'original presentation' provides the opportunity for the applicant to use a range of mediums to share ideas and views on a topical subject. This could be an essay, a piece of art, a summary of a project that the applicant has undertaken or a recorded presentation.

Selection Process

All applications received will be viewed and the top three applicants shall be invited to an interview. The interview/selection panel will consist of three members, being LEI, Beca and CHBDC representatives.

After deliberations, all candidates will be notified of the outcome within 2 weeks of the last interview.

Preference will be given to an applicant that:

- produces an outstanding original presentation of work;
- summarises ideas and thoughts that align to specific environmental issues facing Central Hawke's Bay, New Zealand or the planet;
- has demonstrated leadership and has sound communication skills;
- can demonstrate motivation to further their own knowledge; and

- is committed to returning to Central Hawke's Bay to share their newly acquired knowledge.

How to apply

Please email your completed application cover letter to **CHB.EAS@lei.co.nz** by 15/10/2022.

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Central Hawke's Bay Environmental Advancement Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be offered and will be of the value of \$2,000 per year for three consecutive years.
3. The Scholarship will be offered to a student who has enrolled full-time and who has paid their fees, or arranged to pay their fees, for further study in an environmental field.
4. The Scholarship is for students who at the time of applying are residents of Central Hawke's Bay.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, and a personal statement describing the candidate's:
 - a. technical ability;
 - b. professional skills;
 - c. leadership potential and social skills;
 - d. contribution of the candidate to further study and/or community activities;and
 - e. potential to contribute to the environmental profession.
6. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend an interview and give a presentation of their submission.
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Central Hawke's Bay Mayor upon the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of CHBDC Projects Director (or nominee) and a representative from LEI and Beca.
8. The Scholarship will be paid in a lump sum each year to the recipient. The first year will be paid following commencement of the chosen programme. Subsequent years will be paid in January after a presentation to Central Hawke's Bay District Council councillors in the prior December, the reporting required below and proof of passing the prior year. The council presentation shall be 10 to 20 minutes summarising their studies and a topical issue of interest to them relevant to Central Hawke's Bay.
9. The successful candidate will report back to the panel two times yearly on what they have learnt and how they will use this knowledge in the future to benefit the local community.
10. The selection panel is not obliged to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The selection panel has power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

Notes

- I. Recipients of Central Hawke's Bay Environmental Advancement Scholarship shall be able to spend a minimum of a day with each of Beca, LEI and CHBDC teams during study breaks or at the end of the year. This is to provide insight into the organisations and how they operate, with the potential that this could lead to part time or casual employment.
- II. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
- III. Recipients of Central Hawke's Bay Environmental Advancement Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the requirements for the Scholarship and will notify the Panel of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The contact for such notifications shall be: environmental.advancement.scholarship@lei.co.nz