



BULLER ELECTRICITY LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP

Information Sheet

BACKGROUND

The Buller Electric Power Board and Buller Electricity Limited celebrated providing 50 years of service to the people of the Buller on 11 December 1997. To commemorate this achievement the company established the scholarship which was offered for the first time in 1999.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The aim is to assist students from the Buller region to attend university and obtain qualifications of relevance to the electricity industry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applications may be made by any student who or whose parents or guardians are resident in the reticulation area of Buller Electricity Limited and are connected to the distribution system.

CRIMINAL OFFENCE

Any prospective applicant who has been convicted of a criminal offence punishable with a prison term is not eligible for this scholarship.

WHICH DEGREES ARE RELEVANT?

The most relevant degrees in order of preference are:

1. Engineering (electrical)
2. Bachelor of Commerce (accounting, other)
3. Law

WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA?

In awarding the scholarship the following factors will be considered.

- Academic results
- Relevance of course of study to the electricity industry
- Personal achievements
- Sporting and cultural achievements
- Written presentation / Referee Reports
- Education at a local secondary school

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

The successful applicant for the scholarship will be chosen by a panel by the end of October each year. The panel's decision is final.

IS THERE VACATION WORK

The company will endeavour to provide suitable employment over the main university vacations on a priority basis. Work for the company by recipients of the scholarship will not be compulsory, nor can it be guaranteed.

REFERENCES

Applicants must include at least two referee reports from people who can comment on their personal qualities and/or abilities. References should be provided from each of the following where possible:

- **Teacher or Principal**
For school leavers or those who have recently completed their schooling, one reference should be from a school principal or senior teacher.
- **Community member**
If possible a reference should be provided from a member of the applicants community who knows the applicant well.
- **Employer or supervisor**
Where possible applicants should include a reference from a responsible person with whom they have been involved in a work situation. This includes unpaid and voluntary work, vacation or part-time work, or fulltime paid employment.

ACADEMIC RECORD

Authenticated copies of relevant academic records/results must also be included with the application form.

PRIVACY

The information contained in the application forms will only be used by the company for the purposes of determining a successful candidate. Some information on the successful candidate will be required for the promotion of the scholarship in media releases and is a condition of acceptance of the Buller Electricity Limited Scholarship. Information may be released if requested under the Official Information Act.

Important notes:

1. **Should you decide not to pursue or complete your stipulated Scholarship goal you will be required to return all sponsorship monies granted under this application to Buller Electricity Limited immediately.**
2. **If the application consists of a course where the duration is longer than one year completing the first year fulfills this obligation.**

WHAT IS THE CLOSING DATE?

The closing date for applications this year is **Thursday September 17th 2020 4:00pm.**

WHAT IS THE DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Dependant upon the geographical location of the successful applicant the scholarship will be announced either at the Buller High School Senior Awards Ceremony on **Thursday November 12th 2020** or at the **Karamea Area School.**

For application forms or more information please contact:

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