



Firefighters' SCHOLARSHIP



FIREFIGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2011/12

The Firefighters' Scholarship is established for firefighters and comcen staff and provides the opportunity to study overseas, research world's best practice or undertake a project that will benefit the Fire Service.

The project or study programme must be linked to the Fire Service's strategic plan, and may cover topics such as:

- Occupational health and safety
- Fire science
- Urban search and rescue
- Emergency preparedness including international and inter-agency cooperation
- Prevention and community education
- The application of technology
- Industrial relations and management.

The Firefighters' Scholarship aims to offer candidates a unique professional and personal development opportunity that may be carried out in New Zealand or overseas.

Who can apply?

The Firefighters' Scholarship is open to:

- Career firefighters and officers, up to and including senior station officers, with a minimum of five years total service in the New Zealand Fire Service; and
- Communication centre communicators, including senior communicators and shift managers, with a minimum of five years total service in the New Zealand Fire Service.

How much is it worth?

The successful recipient or recipients will be awarded a grant of up to \$20,000 to fund international or domestic travel, accommodation and/or course fees for up to six weeks. It is expected that the grant would be made use of within the upcoming financial year (i.e. 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012).

Applications that require consideration of financial assistance to cover minimum shift manning in addition to the direct scholarship costs outlined above will need to provide details of the lost shifts together with the written support and commitment of the candidate's Chief Fire Officer or manager. The Committee will consider complementing any 'manning' arrangements made between the manager and the candidate.

Assessment Criteria

Applications for the Firefighters' Scholarship will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the application in relation to the Fire Service strategic plan and key objectives.
2. The potential to apply the results and outcomes of your study programme to benefit the Fire Service.

3. The extent to which the study programme or project will progress the candidate's professional development and career.

How to apply

All applications for the Firefighters' Scholarship must be made on the standard form attached, and include:

- an estimated costing of the proposal including study fees, itinerary, travel and accommodation budget (quotes for travel/accommodation must be sourced from the NZFS contracted travel management company, Orbit Corporate Travel);
- a letter of support from your Chief Fire Officer or Manager; and
- a current c.v.

Reporting

The successful recipient must complete and present a full report on their findings or research within six months of completing their studies. Their report will be made available widely. Previous reports can be found in FireNet ([Click Here](#))

Selection Committee

The successful recipient or recipients of the Firefighters' Scholarship will be chosen by a panel comprising:

- a representative of the Chief Executive;
- a representative from the New Zealand Professional Firefighters' Union;
- a representative from the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme; and
- a representative from the New Zealand Firefighters' Welfare Society.

Please email or post your complete application to:

Beth Piggott
HR Administrator
New Zealand Fire Service National Headquarters
PO Box 2133
Wellington

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Applications due Monday, 13 June 2011

If you have any queries, please contact Beth Piggott (details above).

The Firefighters' Scholarship is supported by the Associated Agencies, comprising the:

NZ Professional Firefighters' Union, United Fire Brigades' Association, NZ Fire Service Superannuation Scheme, NZ Firefighters' Welfare Society, NZ Firefighters' Credit Union, Christchurch Emergency Services Credit Union, NZ Executive Fire Officers Society, NZ Fire Service Sports Council, and the Public Service Association