

Mercury NZ Renewable Energy Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Renewable Energy/ Sustainability

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Background

Renewable electricity is key to reaching New Zealand's goals of decarbonising our economy and addressing climate change. Mercury generates electricity from 100% renewable wind, hydro and geothermal sources. We currently generate electricity on the hillsides of the Manawatū (wind), along the Waikato River (hydro) and nearby steamfields of the northern part of the Central Plateau (geothermal). We reap the wind in other parts of New Zealand too (Northland, Taranaki, Otago and Southland).

Mercury NZ is offering Massey University students two scholarships per year

- to recognise our presence in the landscape and communities of the Manawatū, including the wind turbines located on the Massey University Tuapaka Research Farm, and
- to support undergraduate students in their study as future contributors to a more sustainable energy environment.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is up to \$5,500 and is tenable for one year. The value will be pro-rated for part time students.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, two scholarships will be awarded per year

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents

- enrolled full time or part time in a Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Science, or a Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning at Massey University
- able to demonstrate a passion for sustainability with preference given to a focus on renewable energy

Preference will be given to applicants from locations near our Mercury power stations and wind farms.

Selection Criteria

The selection will be based on academic merit and the applicant's interest in sustainability / renewable energy.

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Science Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences, who will discuss suitable applicants with a representative from Mercury NZ.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Successful recipients will agree to participate in any publicity generated by Mercury (or Mercury's marketing partners), and to the use of their details for promotional purposes.

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as these permit co-tenure.

The Committee may decline to award any scholarship in any year if there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award.