

Parents Bursary for Distance Students

Bursary Regulations

Focus

Distance students

Level of Study

Undergraduate and Postgraduate

Purpose

The Parents Bursary for Distance Students supports parents of young dependant children who are balancing their studies with childcare responsibilities.

Background

The Extramural Student Support Trust (ESST) was established in 2011 through a founding grant from the Extramural Students' Society (EXMSS), in recognition of the unique needs of distance students undertaking study at Massey University. The Trust is held in perpetuity by the Massey University Foundation to provide financial assistance, scholarships, and bursaries to distance students. Awards are made at least once a year, with the selection process administered by Massey's Scholarships Office on the recommendation of the Trust. These scholarships and bursaries reflect the Trust's enduring commitment to supporting the academic journeys of students who study primarily by distance.

Value and Tenure

The value of the award is dependent on the available funds and is typically \$2,000. The value may be adjusted to reflect the enrolment load of the recipient. The tenure is one year.

Typical Number on Offer

The number of awards varies, normally 2 awards will be available annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- a parent to a dependent child/child under the age of 16

- studying an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at Massey University, primarily by distance mode
- enrolled in a minimum of 30 credits per semester

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on demonstrated financial hardship resulting from the challenges of balancing study and family responsibilities. Priority may be given to applicants managing study around school hours, childcare constraints, or single-income households.

Performance in study to date may also be taken into consideration.

Selection Committee

The selection will be made by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Extramural Student Support Trust (ESST).

Conditions of the Bursary

The scholarship is not tenable with the Distance Undergraduate Scholarship, Distance Postgraduate Scholarship, or the Māori Distance Student Scholarship, but may be tenable with other scholarships or bursaries.

Payment will be made in one instalment.