



# MTLT CAREER CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET 2023

## TIMELINE

Applications close:	30 June
	28 February
Decision notified:	ASAP after Board approval (4-6 weeks after application received)
Funding released:	Two instalments – upon approval and at midpoint of course

## FUND AVAILABLE

Scholarship amounts of up to \$2,000 each.

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### Scholarship information / Who can apply

MTLT recognises that financial constraints are sometimes a barrier for those wanting to transition into a new career.

To support the learning journey, MTLT is offering scholarships of up to \$2,000 to assist individuals who are enrolled in or are intending to enrol in a course of study to support a career change.

The scholarship is available to assist with the payment of course fees for recognised study/training programmes within New Zealand run by an approved education provider.

#### Applicants must:

1. Be enrolled or preparing to enrol (either full-time or part-time) in a recognised study/training programme within New Zealand run by an approved education provider.
2. Be able to clearly demonstrate the study/training being undertaken is to initiate a change of career.
3. Normally reside in Masterton, specifically within the Trust's district ([www.mtl.org.nz/about-us/trust-district](http://www.mtl.org.nz/about-us/trust-district)).
4. Be legally permitted to work and/or study in New Zealand.
5. This scholarship is not intended to support students embarking on a course of study directly after finishing school.

### Conditions

- The scholarship will be awarded solely at the discretion of the MTLT trustees.
- No person can receive the scholarship more than once.
- The scholarship funds must be used towards course fees only.
- The scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be paid upon receipt of evidence of enrolment and study/training fees. The second instalment will be released after six months or at the midpoint of the course subject to the recipient informing the Trust that the course requirements to date have been met.
- The recipient agrees to participate in the promotion of the scholarship through involvement in publicity on the MTLT website, in the news media and other material.

## Selection process

In making its decision, the Trust will first consider whether the applicant has fulfilled the criteria listed above, in particular, that the study/training can be shown as clearly linked to a career change.

Other considerations may include:

- a) the course of study/training;
- b) the applicant's ability to complete the course;
- c) the applicant's need for financial assistance;
- d) the work (paid/unpaid) the applicant plans to undertake in the future;
- e) any special circumstances considered relevant e.g. family responsibilities, special learning needs.

## Application process

Applicants are asked to complete the MTLT Career Change Scholarship application form submit via the contact details below.

<b>Contact</b>	Masterton Trust Lands Trust 189 Queen Street PO Box 90, Masterton 5840 Ph. 06 370 0155 <a href="mailto:grants@mtlt.org.nz">grants@mtlt.org.nz</a>
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<b>Where are/will you be studying/training?</b>
<b>Is the study/training full-time or part-time?</b>
<b>How long will the course take to complete?</b>
<b>What is the annual course fee?</b>

<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b> <i>I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct.</i>	
Name:	Signed:
Date:	

<b>Application checklist</b>
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- Scholarship information sheet read and understood.
- Application form fully completed.
- Application letter attached – to include:
  - brief personal profile/background;
  - explanation for why/how the study/training being undertaken is to initiate a change of career;
  - reasons why the scholarship is needed;
  - plans and aspirations for the future.
- Evidence/details attached of study/training enrolled in, or intending to enrol in.

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