



## IFS Growth Tertiary Scholarship

IFS Growth is pleased to offer the IFS Growth Scholarship to encourage students to pursue a qualification in the forestry industry. We believe there is a range of interesting and rewarding jobs for graduates and long-term career prospects within the industry.

The aim of this scholarship is to assist students undertaking full time study towards a qualification in the Forestry Discipline, and the specific purpose of the monetary reward is to cover an amount of the tuition fees.

Please refer to the process and requirements below when applying for this IFS Growth Scholarship and complete the application form.

Scholarship applications are invited through to **30 April** in the year of application.

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### Scholarship Application Requirements

1. The scholarship shall be awarded annually to a student who is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident enrolled as a full-time student for tertiary study in a forest related discipline.
2. Applicable forestry qualifications include:
  - BE (Hons) in Forestry Engineering
  - Bachelor of Forestry Science
  - NZ Diploma in Forest Management
  - Graduate Diploma in Forestry
3. The award shall be made to a student who is in their second year of their degree or Diploma.
4. The scholarship covers a grant up to \$5000 per annum towards the payment of tuition fees. Payment will be made to the Scholar on production of tertiary educator enrolment evidence.
5. Applications will go before a selection committee from IFS Growth who will shortlist candidates based on selection criteria. Interviews may be conducted with candidates.
6. The following criteria will be applied to applications:
  - Academic achievement
  - Motivation to succeed
  - Interest in the forestry industry
  - Financial circumstances
  - Long term career goals

- Likelihood to successfully complete the qualification.
7. The final award will be made by the CEO based on the committee's recommendations. IFS Growth may refrain from making an award where there is no applicant of sufficient merit.
  8. The scholarship may be held with other prizes, allowances or scholarships unless the conditions of the other awards provide otherwise.
  9. The award may be terminated or revoked at any time, or require the forfeiture of a proportion of the scholarship if the student:
    - Fails more than one mandatory paper towards the qualification
    - Fails to comply with any of the regulations or terms and conditions of the scholarship
    - Is not progressing satisfactorily through the qualification
    - Is found to have violated the tertiary provider's code of conduct.
  10. Applicants for this scholarship accept the selection committee's decision is final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

### Forestry Student Work Experience

IFS Growth are able to offer limited places for students to undertake paid employment over the summer holidays (November/December to February) to complete practical work experience.

Scholarship recipients will have priority for these positions but are under no obligation to accept paid employment.

### Graduate positions

Students who attain the scholarship are encouraged to apply for the annual graduate position at IFS Growth in their final year of study.

The programme runs for one year during which students are rotated throughout all areas and regions of the business to build practical experience and knowledge to support their qualifications and study.

Scholarship recipients will have priority for these positions.

**Applications should be submitted to Tracey Wayte [tracey@hrsouth.co.nz](mailto:tracey@hrsouth.co.nz)**

## Application Form:

## IFS Growth Scholarship

<b>Full Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Residency:</b> NZ Citizen, Permanent Resident (include date of residence)	
<b>Course of Study and provider:</b>	

### Please attach the following documentation to your application:

- Copy of most recent transcript from your current education provider.
- A brief CV – maximum 2 pages detailing your academic record, work history, detailing any hobbies, sporting activities, community involvement, volunteer work.
- A typed essay no longer than 750 words on “I chose the Forestry Industry because...”
- A character reference which is not to be completed by a close relative. Ask them to comment on your interest in studying in the forestry discipline, your motivation to succeed and academic merit. *This can be provided confidentially by the referee sending the reference directly to the address below.*
- A reference from a tutor or lecturer, or from your current employer. Ask them to comment on your interest in studying in the forestry discipline, your motivation to succeed and academic merit. *This can be provided confidentially by the referee sending the reference directly to [tracey@hrsouth.co.nz](mailto:tracey@hrsouth.co.nz)*
- Read the Conditions of Application, sign and enclose the declaration form page with your application.

## Conditions and Declaration

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- a) The information requested in the application form will be used for assessment purposes. All personal information collected during the application process may be made available to members of the selection panel for the particular award.
- b) IFS Growth will store all applications in a secure place and to disclose the information requested in the application form only to those persons involved in the selection of candidates.
- c) IFS Growth will normally hold documents about successful applicants for the period of the award. Documents for unsuccessful applicants will normally be kept for six weeks after the award has been made and then destroyed. Unsuccessful candidates may request that their materials, other than information supplied by a third party (see “e” below), be returned to them, rather than be destroyed. The request must be made within one month of the announcement of the award.
- d) Consistent with the provisions of the Privacy Act applicants have the right of access to information held about them. Applicants also have the right to request the correction of information held about them.
- e) Applicants must have read the Conditions of Application before signing this declaration. The signed declaration is the applicant’s acknowledgement that they understand and agree to be bound by the conditions under which the award is made.
- f) IFS Growth would like to keep in touch with the successful applicants as they progress through their qualifications and may call on them for a short report (approximately 200 words) once a year.
- g) The selection panel has the discretion not to award a scholarship if the applications received are not considered to be at a sufficient standard.
- h) Should you be judged a winner, prior to any funds being paid out, a copy of your confirmation of enrolment at your tertiary institution, needs to be forwarded to IFS Growth. Failure to comply with this condition may mean that the award could be made to another applicant.

### Declaration

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_ declare that the information supplied in and with this scholarship application form is complete, true and correct. I agree to the above conditions with respect to my application for a scholarship administered through IFS Growth. I authorise IFS Growth to verify any details provided in my application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_