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SUMMARY

New Zealand's economic success is dependent upon the success of its agricultural industry. In turn agriculture's success in New Zealand is dependent upon a skilled, motivated, well trained and educated work force.

Statistics indicate that numbers of students enrolling in full time agricultural qualifications dropped significantly in the late 1990's and early 2000 compared to the 1980's and early 1990's. Contributing factors to this drop in enrolments included, competitiveness of other full time programmes, a negative perception of agriculture as a chosen career and increased costs relating to tertiary studies.

Enrolments in agriculture qualifications in the past 2 years at some tertiary organisations have however increased.

Encouraging young men and women to commit to a career in the agricultural industry has now become a prime focus of many organisations within the agricultural sector.

The provision of scholarships to encourage students to study agriculture at tertiary organisations has risen dramatically in the last 5 years. This is directly in response to addressing the factors which have led to recent declines at tertiary organisations.

This project attempted to answer a range of questions relating to the provision of rural scholarships to full time tertiary students and how these scholarships benefited the students, the tertiary providers and the agricultural industry at large. The project also looks specifically at 3 major providers of rural scholarships and their objectives.

The L.A. Alexander Trust, the Edmund Sanderson Jeff training awards and the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship, contribute approximately \$500,000 to full time students studying agricultural related subjects at either Massey University, Lincoln University, Telford Polytechnic or Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre. Overall it is estimated that \$1,000,000 is available in scholarships to students studying agriculture each year.

Of these scholarships approximately 50% are provided to students who are already enrolled and studying at a tertiary organisation already. Therefore only ½ of all scholarships are available to students considering agriculture tertiary education. This highlights the variation for objectives between scholarship providers. While some scholarships are set up to encourage an increase in students uptaking tertiary education, others attempt to financially support those who have already made their decision.

The findings of this project show that less than 20% of students were swayed by receiving the scholarship to study agriculture at a tertiary level. However, of the students who received a scholarship, 50% indicated they were more committed to the rural industry than previously.

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is the backbone of New Zealand's economy.

Why? Because of our technology advancement and transfer, our commitment to research and development and our drive to succeed.

Yet to remain committed to research, development and technology transfer we must have the new generation of farmers, scientists and consultants entering the industry.

Unfortunately the number of graduates of rural qualifications in recent years has continued to decline. In the last 3 years Lincoln University has had less than 15 graduates per year of their well reputed Ag Science Degree.

There are a range of organisations which have been established to identify and eliminate barriers for people entering the agricultural sector. Focus has recently been placed on improving the image of the rural industry. We now have television advertising encouraging the young and old to a career on the land.

For over the last twenty years the cost of tertiary education throughout New Zealand has continued to rise and with it the cost of agricultural training also. Attempting to reduce this barrier for up taking rural tertiary training has been the significant influx of scholarships available to tertiary students studying rural qualifications.

During my four years as a student in the 1980's at Lincoln University I received a scholarship from my hometown, which significantly aided my financial ability through University. This scholarship was a huge benefit to me and without such a scholarship I may have struggled to remain in the agricultural training sector.

In 1992 the well publicised Student Loan scheme was established. This scheme was initiated so that finances would not be a barrier to tertiary students wanting to study, and therefore any student could uptake tertiary training.

Free fees in the last three years (a type of scholarship) has also become very popular for many tertiary education institutions, specifically polytechnic's. This concept was set alight in 2001 by Southern Institute of Technology in Southland with the objective to increase the number of people up-taking training. It has worked extremely well with an increase of 43% in student enrolments in the first year of Free Fees being established and a huge 90% increase in its second year.

There are many other reasons for this increase apart from free fees and it could also be said these Free Fees programmes may not increase the total number of New Zealanders in training, but rather increase the number of students who study at the organisations where these Free Fees are offered. This becomes their competitive edge.

The question arises

- does the offering of scholarships to rural tertiary students actually increase the number of people entering training towards these qualifications?
- How does receiving a scholarship of this nature actually affect the individual student who receives it?
- What is the driving factor behind the many organisations and individuals who contribute scholarships towards students who study at rural tertiary organisations?
- Why has there been a marked increase in the number of scholarships which have become available to these students in recent times?

This research project sets out to try and identify the true value of scholarships to rural tertiary students and identify the benefits to the rural industry, the students, the training providers and what lessons could be learnt for the future providers of such scholarships.

This research project conducted a survey of two specific scholarship groups. The first being those who were recipients of rural scholarships either at Telford Rural Polytechnic in South Otago, Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre in the Wairarapa, Lincoln University and Massey University. A second survey was conducted amongst three providers of rural scholarships. The Edmund Sanderson Jeff training award operated through the Salvation Army, The L. A. Alexander Trust in the Taranaki region and the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship (NZDIUGS).

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- Staff at Massey University.
- Staff at Telford Rural Polytechnic.
- Staff from Dexcel.
- Students who completed the Survey forms
- Staff from Salvation Army Head Office
- Trustees of L.A. Alexander Trust

SURVEY

The survey was split into two components

1. The identification of three key providers of rural scholarships and the surveying of them using the template found in Appendix 1
2. The surveying of recipients of these three key scholarships highlighted below who were enrolled in various rural tertiary educational institutions (Massey, Lincoln, Taratahi and Telford).

In summary this survey sought to identify information relating to

- Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training Award Scholarship
- L.A. Alexander Trust Scholarship
- New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship

- The objectives for providing these scholarships
- Whether these objectives were met
- The benefits of the scholarships to
 - Students
 - Rural Industry
 - Training organisations

- What students would have done if they had not received the scholarship
- Whether the provision of rural scholarships actually increase the number of people entering rural tertiary training.

The three main scholarship providers were contacted and were very willing to provide information to this research project as well as receiving results of this project

20 surveys were received from recipients of the 3 scholarship providers noted above.

RESULTS OF SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS SURVEY

L A ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

L.A Alexander was a Tikorangi farmer in Taranaki who had two children and left his property in Trust.

He sought the promotion of horticulture and agricultural education for Taranaki students. The scholarship was set up in 1987. The property of Mr L A Alexander was seventy-three hectares and the Trust is now responsible for this asset and its surpluses, which total in excess of 4.5 million dollars (2.5 million in cash). The Trust on an annual basis contributes approximately \$100,000 per annum towards scholarships for students who are studying agriculture. The Trust also assists local schools to set up horticultural and agricultural training in the Taranaki region. An individual teaching scholarship is also available for an agricultural science degree student who wants to go on to a College of Education and train to be a teacher.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for the L.A Alexander scholarship students must be born or educated in the Taranaki or Waverley area and must study in horticulture or agriculture related subjects in any tertiary organisation.

Applications close on the 28th February of each year. Over the last fifteen years approximately \$1,000,000 has been provided through the Trust towards people studying or training in the agriculture/horticultural field. In the year 2003 the average amount per scholarship was \$1,400 per student. There were thirty-five recipients of this amount last year.

TRACKING OF RECIPIENTS

Currently there is no tracking of recipients that occurs by the L A Alexander Trust although this has been discussed.

FUTURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

It is expected that the scholarship will continue over the years. It has an excellent funding base.

EDMUND SANDERSON JEFF FARM TRAINING AWARD

HISTORY

On 9 April 1952 Edmund Sanderson Jeff gifted 1,939 hectares – as a Trust to The Salvation Army, one they would continue to administer after his death

The Salvation Army took possession of Jeff Farm on 15 June 1954.

After developing the farm, the Salvation Army's next task was using it in a way that met Edmund Jeff's Trust conditions 'that the farm and farm profits be used for the training of under-privileged youths in farming'. Although three or four farm cadets were living and learning there each year, as Jeff Farm became more profitable there was the enviable problem of what to do with the money it generated.

More and more farm training was being done in the classroom and The Salvation Army began to explore the idea of scholarships to help struggling would-be students, reasoning that such a scheme would benefit many more young people than farm cadetships alone. They also saw how farm profits could strengthen current and future Salvation Army programmes for disadvantaged youth. So in November 1995 they went to the High Court seeking to widen the Trust's terms.

The High Court amended the Trust to permit scholarships for offsite training through the Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training Award and allocation of funds to certain Salvation Army youth programmes. The changes meant Jeff Farm's profits could be used more widely while still honouring Edmund Jeff's original purpose for the farm. The Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training Award was set up in 1998 as the expansion of the Jeff Trust provisions for farm training. Previously the Salvation Army only provided training for underprivileged youth on site on Jeff Farm at Kaiwera property in Southland.

The provision of the Jeff Trust was very limited but was modified by the High Court allowing the Salvation Army to extend the range of objects for which the funds were used including scholarships. The first scholarships became available in 1999. Scholarships value varied from individual to individual and ranged from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per person. Since then approximately \$185,000 per year is supplied in scholarships by the Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training award.

The Salvation Army as trustees currently distribute around \$500,000 a year to scholarships and other community programmes. In the past financial year forty-five students received a total of \$250,000 for scholarships to three agricultural training

institutions Telford Rural Polytechnic at Balclutha, Lincoln University at Canterbury and for the first time Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre near Masterton. A further \$240,000 was directed to Salvation Army programmes for disadvantaged young people. The scholarships were valued from one to six thousand dollars.

CRITERIA

These scholarships are available to students studying in agricultural training who are underprivileged people. The scholarship pays for fees and accommodation only at either Telford polytechnic Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre or Lincoln University. Interviews for scholarships are held between October and November, by the Salvation Army and tertiary education personal. Amounts are determined by how applicants met scholarship criteria with special emphasis given to those who are underprivileged. All scholarships are paid directly to the training provider. They are for one year but students can apply for subsequent years

TRACKING OF RECIPIENTS

Currently there is no present tracking of recipients of scholarships although it is intended to do so in the future.

THE NEW ZEALAND DAIRY INDUSTRY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

The NZDIUGS began in 2001 with fifteen students offered scholarships to Lincoln and Massey Universities. It was set up by the former New Zealand Dairy Board after research showed that the dairy industry needed more graduates as scientists, planners, support professionals, advisors etc. Dexcel, the newly established dairying centre of excellence, was given the responsibility of administering the scholarships on behalf of the dairy industry. There are now forty-five recipients of the scholarship. This number of students is expected to continue in the foreseeable future.

Each individual scholarship varies according to the programme students are enrolled in but are for full tuition fees (these averaged approximately \$3,800 per student in 2003. The total scholarship offered in 2003 was \$171,000.

CRITERIA

There are three main criteria for applying for the scholarship

- a. Academic excellence
- b. Leadership potential
- c. An interest/passion for the dairying industry and intention to make a future contribution to it.

All students must be New Zealand students or permanent residents who are enrolled in a Bachelors degree that is dairy related at either Lincoln or Massey University. Application close on the 7th December for each year with selections made by representatives of both universities and Dexcel.

TRACKING OF RECIPIENTS

Currently there is a limited amount of tracking although there is an identified Dexcel representative who liases via email with scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients are also expected to be available to promote the scholarships at selected careers expos and for the students to potentially be available to visit some secondary schools to inform students of the advantages of the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS COMMENTS

OBJECTIVES FOR PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

All three providers of scholarships indicated a similar objective of the provision of scholarships for students studying rural studies

- To promote education in agriculture and horticulture, so that there is an increase in those employed in the agriculture and horticulture fields.

In addition to this, two other objectives were identified for specific scholarships

- To enable underprivileged youths to receive training in the agriculture field.
- To have more people entering the agriculture industry who are a high calibre, are high achievers and who are future industry leaders.

BENEFIT OF SCHOLARSHIP TO:

A THE STUDENTS

Scholarships are expected to benefit the students by reducing financial barriers for training. Students can focus on their studies rather than financial limitation or the requirement of part time jobs so that they can uptake training that they may have otherwise not been able to do. Students are also influenced to consider careers in specific agricultural sectors that they might otherwise have ignored or not realised were possible.

B THE RURAL INDUSTRY

Scholarships provide more students entering training and therefore entering the industry. This creates a pool of able committed and knowledgeable young people who are attracted to the agricultural sector.

C THE TRAINING ORGANISATIONS WHERE STUDENTS STUDY

Training organisations are guaranteed payment and have less expectation of any bad debts occurring. This specifically relates to training organisations where accommodation is part of course fees. Scholarships are expected to increase the number of students studying, therefore training organisations have more students going through their doors. The New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship indicated that both Lincoln and Massey have had increased enrolments in agricultural science and applied science programmes since this specific scholarship

began. While the number of students graduating from University Rural Degree programmes has continued to decline in the last 3 years, the number of students who are entering these qualifications in recent years has been rising slightly. Enrolments in both Rural Diploma and Certificate based programmes at Polytechnics and other Tertiary Organisations have also begun to rise slightly.

IF STUDENTS HAD NOT RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP WHAT WOULD THE STUDENTS MOST LIKELY HAVE DONE

- All three providers were unsure whether students would have completed their studies irrelevant of obtaining the scholarship
- All providers believed that students would have had a higher level of debt through student loan or other forms of loans had they not received the scholarship.
- All providers of scholarships agreed that they did not think that if students had not received the scholarship they would have enjoyed themselves less socially due to less money
- Again all scholarship providers were unsure whether students would have needed to get a part time job or taken longer to complete their course had they not received the scholarship
- Most providers of scholarships agreed that students would have probably have done their study even if they had not received the scholarship but may have taken longer to complete the qualification or perhaps worked for a year to earn money before coming to the tertiary organisation

	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
	1 2 3	4 5
• Completed studies anyway		3
• Had a higher level of debt, either student loan or other form of loan		4.5
• Enjoyed themselves less socially due to less money		3
• Got a part time job, leaving less time to study or requiring longer to complete course.		3
• Still do study but perhaps work for a year or so to save money before going on to Tertiary studies.		4

RESULTS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SURVEY

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

As identified in the providers survey, scholarship values vary from \$1000 per student through to \$7000 per student. In addition to this, some scholarships can be applied for more than the one year. Of the twenty students who returned survey forms the average amount of scholarships that each student received was \$4200

HOW DID STUDENTS HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The most common form of hearing about the scholarship came from the training providers themselves, through liaison staff or material sent out to prospective students. High Schools and Career Expos also played an important part in students finding out about the scholarships

WAS THE DECISION TO DO TERTIARY STUDIES DEPENDENT ON THE SCHOLARSHIPS?

70% of all students who replied to the scholarship indicated that they would have completed their studies anyway, even if they had not received a scholarship. 18% of the students indicated that their decision to study rural education at tertiary level was dependent upon them receiving the scholarship i.e. if they had not received the scholarship they would not have completed the study. 12% of the students said it encouraged them to complete the studies but they were unsure whether it was dependent upon them receiving the scholarship.

While this is not a high percentage of students who were swayed to rural education through scholarships, three interesting quotes received were as follows:

“Receiving the scholarship turned the tables for me. If I hadn’t got the scholarship I probably would have stayed at home and tried correspondence. It was a deciding factor. Receiving the scholarship helped me to avoid a big student loan and choosing to do the tertiary education will help me get ahead in farming more quickly because of it”

“ I was thinking to go and study at Taratahi anyway. The scholarship made me want to go because there was less of a barrier of money for me”

“I had already been planning to attend University, although before this scholarship I was not completely certain as to what I would be studying and where. Initially I was planning to do the four-year planning degree at Massey University but the scholarship was only available with natural resource management, which appeared similar in scope and interest. The scholarship had me alter my plans and instead do the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5
• Completed studies anyway			4.4		
• Had a higher level of debt, either student loan or other form of loan			4.4		
• Enjoyed myself less socially due to less money			2.8		
• Got a part time job, leaving less time to study or requiring longer to complete course.			3		
• Still do study but perhaps work for a year or so to save money before going on to Tertiary studies.			2.3		

HOW WAS THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY SPENT?

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
	1	2	3	4	5
Course fees	5				
Accommodation	2.7				
Social activities	1.2				
Vehicle costs	1.1				
Food	1.7				

In general all of the scholarship money that students received was spent on course fees. A few students indicated that as the scholarship was paid directly to their tertiary provider and some of the students lived in the accommodation at the training organisation, accommodation costs were also used with scholarship money.

DO YOU FEEL YOU OWE OR NEED TO PAY BACK THE SCHOLARSHIP IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM?

Seventy percent of the students replied to this question by saying “yes they did feel that they owed or needed to pay back in some way the investment that the scholarship providers had contributed to the students”. These students who indicated they owed the scholarship providers said it was not so much a financial commitment they owed but rather a sense that they should:

- Work harder in their studies
- Be prepared to promote the scholarship at schools and careers expos
- Show a stronger commitment to the rural industry
- Return to the region from where they received the scholarship from.

Four key quotes from students who responded to this question.

“Since I have received the scholarship I feel I have an obligation to maintain interest in the dairy industry and remain current on issues that are relevant to this sector. I also feel that I should offer my services wherever the scholarship requires me as a sort of payment for receiving it. I don’t feel the need to pay back the scholarship literally, but more that there is pressure for me to return payment in other ways such as promoting the scholarship at schools and helping out at careers expos”

“ I do feel indebted a little to the scholarship provider in particular because they have essentially enabled me to stay debt free awarding me the scholarship for two years running”

“Yes I certainly feel that I’m still indebted of sorts. I feel for that reason where I might have gone overseas straight away to earn more money I might now stay in New Zealand for a few years and work in the rural industry in New Zealand hopefully putting my efforts and work back into the dairy industry”

“Yes I feel I owe the scholarship provider for investing such a large amount of money in me. I don’t feel obliged to pay them back financially but definitely through promoting the dairy industry and through using my skills to contribute to the dairy industry throughout my career”.

HAS YOUR “SENSE OF COMMITMENT” TOWARDS CONTRIBUTING TO OR WORKING IN THE RURAL INDUSTRY CHANGED SINCE RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Approximately fifty percent of the students answered this “yes” with the other fifty percent answering it “no”. Those who answered yes, “their sense of commitment or working towards the industry changed”, indicated that because the rural industry had showed an interest and commitment towards them they in turn had raised their sense of interest in the industry themselves. Those that said no to this question mostly indicated that they had always been committed to the rural industry and had always planned to work in the rural industry and therefore receiving a scholarship had not changed their mind in this matter.

Two key quotes, which related to this question, are as follows:

“Definitely, I feel a greater affinity towards the rural industry and pay significantly closer attention to issues and aspects of the industry than I had previously. My perspectives have changed and I would now seriously consider working in the industry compared to before the scholarship”.

“No, I have always been dead keen to work on the family farm or any other in the rural industry just because it is what I enjoy doing, the scholarship has not changed this”.

WHY DO YOU THINK THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS GIVE OUT MONEY TO STUDENTS COMPLETING RURAL TERTIARY STUDIES?

Most responses to this question related to students believing that scholarship providers were trying to encourage more people into the rural industry, especially those who could not afford training. Other comments included;

- To gain more young people into the industry
- To create an advertising technique for the rural industry
- To assist with the shortage in skilled staff in the rural industry
- So that more graduates could be found for the rural industry
- So as to attract skilled people where there was a shortage in the past

WHAT CONTACT HAVE YOU HAD WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER SINCE RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Responses to this question fell into two categories. Recipients from the L.A Alexander Trust and the Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training Award both indicated that their contact with the providers of these scholarships was basically zero since receiving the scholarship.

However recipients of the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship nearly all indicated that they have had good contact with Dexcel staff. They have been kept in contact with the provider of the scholarship through emails and invitations to Dexcel events. There have been evening functions as well as invitations to attend Career expos and in some situations to speak to High School students about the scholarship. Nearly all recipients of the NZDIUGS scholarship were positive about their liaison with the scholarship provider. All responses seem to indicate that the increase level of communication through this scholarship was positive and the students supported this initiative.

CONCLUSIONS

The level of scholarships which is now available to rural tertiary students is huge. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 is available in scholarships to students who are enrolled or planning to enrol in an undergraduate qualification in agriculture at Massey, Lincoln, Telford or Taratahi. This total amount is also contestable with other land based industries including forestry and horticulture in some situations. It is estimated that there are enough rural scholarships available for each student to receive in excess of \$1,000/student. Obviously some students gain significantly more than this while others get none.

The huge growth in Rural Scholarships in recent years appears due to two main factors:

1. The expectation from the rural industry that the provision of scholarships will stem the tide of the decline of tertiary rural graduates.
2. The high cost of tertiary education has been a factor in the limited number of graduates in rural tertiary studies and the provision of a scholarship is expected to reduce the significance of this barrier.

The objectives for the provision of scholarships for rural students appears somewhat clouded. While the majority of students and providers of scholarships who were surveyed indicated it was to increase the number of students studying tertiary education, the reality is the majority of students who received scholarships would still have studied at the tertiary organisation whether they had received the scholarships or not. It is also interesting to note that the majority of scholarships that are available at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre, Lincoln University and Telford Polytechnic are provided to students who had already made a commitment to study agriculture at the tertiary learning centre. i.e. majority of scholarships are available only after they are enrolled and already studying agriculture, not those who are yet to enrol. Scholarships are therefore a support mechanism rather than an enticing or advertising mechanism.

While less than 20% of students who were surveyed indicated they would not have completed their studies if they had not received a scholarship, 50% said they had a greater affinity and sense of commitment to the Rural Industry due to receiving the scholarship. It is still however very difficult to estimate the number of students who would not have entered the rural industry had they not received a scholarship.

Another finding from the survey was the significant positive feedback from scholarship recipients who received the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarships. This appeared to be due to two main reasons:

1. The fact that they identified high performers and continued to support these high performers during their years of study so long as their grades were satisfactory. This obviously motivated students to work hard and achieve a continuation of scholarships in future years.
2. The personal contact received from NZDIUS was clearly beneficial to students who received these scholarships. Students indicated their support for regular feedback and contact with the scholarship provider. It was motivational for the students, kept them on track towards their studies and helped them maintain their focus towards the rural industry.

Scholarships do provide a vehicle to promote the rural industry. Most students were made aware of scholarship opportunities through the tertiary education organisation to where they were studying. Rural tertiary providers use scholarships as one mechanism to encourage students to study agriculture due to the financial support that scholarships can bring.

The “real value of rural scholarships” is not so much that they attract students who otherwise would not have studied agriculture but rather they create a positive culture amongst the recipients and within the tertiary organisations and the rural industry at large. They are one of the positive stories of agriculture that help to promote the industry in general.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For all organisations/individuals considering establishing a Scholarship for Rural tertiary students

One of the most important starting points for an organisation considering providing a scholarship is to have a clear picture of what the objectives are that the organisation wishes to achieve from the scholarship. While this project identified limited achievements from scholarships attracting new students to rural studies, it did show that it did attract some students who otherwise would not have studied agriculture. Students can also be encouraged to specific programmes and tertiary providers through the provision of scholarships. It is also clear that the value of any scholarship is significantly increased if regular contact occurs between the provider of scholarships and the recipients.

Massey University has a page on their website which a potential scholarship provider would benefit from reviewing.
Please visit www.awards.massey.ac.nz

2. For any current student or potential student

Up to \$1,000,000 is available in scholarships to students who study agriculture at tertiary level every year. From discussions with current and previous students, it appears that over 50% of all students do not attempt to apply for these scholarships. In fact, from evidence at Telford Polytechnic and Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre, only around 25% of students apply for scholarships for which they are eligible. The old adage applies “Those who do not ask, will not get.” Students can only be encouraged so much by organisations such as scholarship providers and tertiary providers to apply for a scholarship, effort must sit with the student. These scholarships are provided for students who need assistance and encouragement.

A list of relevant scholarships can be found in Appendix II of this project. For more information see the website of the Rural Providers.

3. For any current Scholarship provider.

Research from this project showed that the scholarship money received by students was used specifically for course fees and to a small degree, accommodation costs. Providers can rest assured that at least their money is not being used on ‘extra curriculum activities’

What was clear from the surveys received was the value that students place on contact from scholarship providers during their study. This greatly enhanced the sense of achievement from the students who had won the scholarships and therefore needs to be emphasised in this recommendation.

While it appears that only a small percentage of students are turned to studying agriculture due to receiving scholarships, the offering of scholarships achieves significant value to the industry in other ways. There is significant positive promotion of the agriculture sector through the provision of rural scholarships.

Please refer to Appendix III to see just a few cuttings of media articles of scholarship recipients as an example.

Scholarship recipients also indicated a stronger commitment to the industry after receiving a scholarship. This was due to someone believing in the student and the rural industry, which in turn strengthens the student’s confidence in being committed to this industry.

4. For any Rural Tertiary Education Organisation who provides rural education.

Approximately 20% of students surveyed indicated that they chose rural education because they received a scholarship. Many scholarships have come about from rural industry organisation’s initiatives, however it could also be said that more organisations would provide scholarships if they were asked.

Rural Tertiary providers could follow in the footsteps of Southern Institute of Technology(SIT) and seek local and rural industry support to provide a free fees environment. This in turn may become self sustaining after a period due to the increase in student enrolments in a similar way again to SIT.

APPENDIX I

Survey of Providers of Rural Based Tertiary Scholarships

As part of Kellogg's Rural Leadership research project for Nigel Udy.
Please complete this survey and return it to:

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Please complete the following survey and return it to the above
contact by **Friday September 26th**
Thank you

1) Please write the name of the scholarship

2) Please explain the history of the Scholarship, including why and when the scholarship was initially set up?

3) How much are the scholarships worth individually and in total each year?

4) What criteria do the applicants need to fulfil to be eligible for the scholarship?

5) What are the timelines and process for administrating the scholarship?

6) What are the objectives of the Scholarship?

7) Is there any tracking of recipients after their course completion?

8) Is it expected that the Scholarship funds will eventually run out or that the scholarships will only be provided for a limited number of years? Explain

9) How do you think the scholarship benefits:

a) The students?

b) The Rural Industry?

c) The training organisations where students study?

10) If the students had not received the scholarship what do you believe most students would have done?

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
• Completed studies anyway	1	2	3	4	5
• Had a higher level of debt, either student loan or other form of loan	1	2	3	4	5
• Enjoyed themselves less socially due to less money	1	2	3	4	5
• Got a part time job, leaving less time to study or requiring longer to complete course.	1	2	3	4	5
• Still do study but perhaps work for a year or so to save money before going on to Tertiary studies.	1	2	3	4	5

11) If you would like to receive a copy of the research project findings please complete your contact details below:

Name

Address

Email

Survey for Recipients of Rural Based Tertiary Scholarships

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Please complete the following survey and return it to the above
contact by **Friday September 26th**
Thank you

1. Please complete the following table by indicating which scholarships you applied for and to what financial value they were

Name of Scholarship	\$ Value	Number of yrs received
Jeff Farm – Salvation Army		
L.A. Alexandra Trust		
N.Z Dairy Industry Undergraduate		
Other (please name)		

Please answer the following questions in relation to either the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship, L.A. Alexandra or Jeff Farm scholarship

2. How did you hear about the scholarship?

3. Was your decision to do Tertiary studies dependent upon receiving this scholarship? Please explain.

4. If you had not received the scholarship what would you have done?

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
• Completed studies anyway	1	2	3	4	5
• Had a higher level of debt, either student loan or other form of loan	1	2	3	4	5
• Enjoyed myself less socially due to less money	1	2	3	4	5
• Got a part time job, leaving less time to study or requiring longer to complete course.	1	2	3	4	5
• Still do study but perhaps work for a year or so to save money before going on to Tertiary studies.	1	2	3	4	5

5. How was the scholarship money spent?

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
• Course fees	1	2	3	4	5
• Accommodation	1	2	3	4	5
• Social activities	1	2	3	4	5
• Vehicle costs	1	2	3	4	5
• Food	1	2	3	4	5

6. Do you feel you “owe” or need to pay back the scholarship in any way or form, be that financially or otherwise? Please explain.

7. Has your “*sense of commitment*” towards, contributing to or working in the Rural Industry, changed since receiving the scholarship?

8. Why do you think the scholarship providers give out money to students doing Rural tertiary studies?

9. What contact have you had with the scholarship provider, since receiving the scholarship?

10. If you would like to receive a copy of the research project findings please complete your contact details below:

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____

APPENDIX II

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STUDYING AGRICULTURE

The L.A. Alexander Agricultural College Trust Board Inc. Bursaries

These bursaries are to assist students, born or educated in the Taranaki-Waverley area, to obtain tertiary education in agriculture, horticulture or a related subject. The current value of each award is \$1200 to \$1400 per annum and over 60 awards were made in the 2002 year.

Applications close with The Secretary, L.A. Alexander Agricultural College Trust Board Inc., PO Box 69, New Plymouth on 28 February each year. (Special applications will be considered.) Application forms are available from: The Secretary, phone (06) 758 5273, fax (06) 757 9286, email parry@busingrussell.co.nz.

Alliance Group Ltd Undergraduate Bursary

A bursary tenable for three years and valued at \$2,000 per annum is available to intending students and registered students (of any university in New Zealand) who are normally resident within the South Island. Applicants should be pursuing a full-time course in areas relating to the meat industry, primary production or its associated industries. A wide interpretation will be given and would include agriculture, engineering, science, accounting, marketing, computer science, food technology, psychology and management. The bursary may be offered paid employment by the Alliance Group during the long vacation following each academic year in which the bursary is held, provided suitable employment is available.

The bursary is advertised extensively in newspapers throughout the South Island in early December with the closing date for applications being early January.

Andrew Bendall Sheep Genetics Award in Animal Science - Lincoln University

Andrew Bendall, owner of BOSS Ltd will sponsor two awards for 2003. The awards are available to students with an interest in animal science who are looking to pursue a career in farm consultancy work.

Each award will be worth \$1,000 and will have a term of one academic year.

One award is available to full-time students in their second year of a Diploma in Farm Management.

One award is available to full-time students who are in their final year of a Bachelor of Commerce (Agricultural) or a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with or without Hons.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 March each year

The scholarship, tenable for three years is available to pupils of Ashburton College proceeding to the course for the Degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science. Awards tenable for one year may also be made to pupils proceeding to the Diploma in Farm Management. The value of each award is \$120 per annum.

Further details are obtainable from, and applications should be lodged with, The Principal, Ashburton College, PO Box 204, Ashburton.

Clement Black Scholarship

Awarded annually to an agriculture/engineering student. The level of the scholarship is determined by the particular merits and needs of the successful applicant. Preference is given to students from the Opotiki region.

Applications close 1 November with National Operations National Office, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1379, Wellington.

The William & Ina Cartwright Scholarship

Up to four awards annually of unspecified value are available to full-time students enrolling for the first time in the first year of a bachelors degree course at Lincoln. Applicants must have been resident for a minimum of three years in the area between Waitaki and Rangitata Rivers (includes Geraldine, Fairlie, Temuka, Pleasant Point, Tekapo, Pukaki, Twizel, Waimate, Timaru).

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 March each year.

The William John Cartwright Trust Scholarship

Up to two awards annually. Available to full-time students who are enrolling for the first time in the first year of a Diploma in Farm Management or Horticultural Management. Applicants must have been resident for a minimum of three years in the area between the Waitaki and Rangitata Rivers (includes Geraldine, Fairlie, Temuka, Pleasant Point, Tekapo, Pukaki, Twizel, Waimate, Timaru). Must have been engaged in agricultural or horticultural work for a period of at least twelve months.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 March each year.

The John Chaytor Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship of \$700 per annum is available to candidates from the Marlborough district for the diploma and degree courses in agriculture and horticulture.

Applications close on 31 October of the year prior to attending the course with the Marlborough Provincial Secretary, Federated Farmers' of New Zealand (Inc.), PO Box 669, Blenheim.

The John Court Scholarship

A scholarship of an annual value of \$200 tenable for up to four years is available to students who have been resident in the Auckland provincial

district for not less than two years immediately prior to the closing date of applications and who are proceeding to a full-time degree course in agriculture at a university in New Zealand.

Further details and application forms are obtainable from Scholarships and Financial Support, Private Bag 92019, Auckland University, Auckland. Applications close 1 February each year.

Crop and Food Maori Scholarships

Two scholarships are offered annually to Maori students enrolled in their second and third year of study at the time of application.

Offered by the New Zealand Institute for Crop and Food Research Ltd, the scholarships provide two students with up to four months of paid vacation employment (between November and February) at one of the sites around New Zealand.

Scholarships will be open to agriculture/horticulture/resource management/resource studies students at Lincoln University.

Applications close 15 September with The Personnel Officer, N.Z. Institute for Crop and Food Research Ltd, PO Box 4704, Christchurch.

Drury Tertiary Scholarship

Ex-pupils of Kelston Boys' High School and Kelston Girls' High School who are undertaking tertiary study are invited to apply for this scholarship. Two scholarships will be awarded. One to a pupil of Kelston Boys' High School within five years of leaving school and one to a pupil of Kelston Girls' High School within five years of leaving school. The scholarships are \$1200 each for one year.

Application forms are available from The Drury Scholarship Trust Secretary, Kelston Girls' High School, PO Box 15798, New Lynn, Auckland 7, with whom

applications close late June each year. Applicants may be required for interview mid-August. The award will be announced in September.

Charles & Ella Elgar Bursaries

Up to three scholarships of maximum annual value of \$750 each, tenable for one year are available to ex-service people and the children of deceased or discharged service people. Preference is given to applicants who are studying agriculture. Existing holders may re-apply for award in a subsequent year.

The bursaries may be held during a course of study for any diploma, bachelors or masters degree.

Applications close on 31 March each year with the Scholarships Office.

Freemasons University Scholarships

Established in 1981 by the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand. Available to full-time students who are New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents. Students must be entering their third or subsequent year of full-time study for a bachelors degree, a bachelors degree with honours, or up to the first year of a two-year masters degree. The tenure is for one year and the value is \$2,750.

Excellence in academic achievement, good character and contribution to the community are the main criteria for the award.

Application forms are available in August/September from the Scholarships Office with whom applications close on 1 October each year.

The Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board Bursaries and Student Grants

The Robert Gibson Methodist Trust is a charitable trust with discretionary power to award bursaries to students attending university.

The Board's constitution requires that preference be given to orphans and to Methodist or Presbyterian students who desire to follow an agricultural course.

Applications close 30 November each year with the Secretary/Administrator, Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board, PO Box 445, Hawera.

The George Graham Trust Scholarship

A scholarship is available annually to students who are intending to enrol or are enrolled in a full-time course at Lincoln University. Preference will be given to applicants who have attended Marlborough Boys' College and for every alternate year, preference will be given to candidates who intend to, or who are taking, a non-degree course. The period of tenure is one year.

Application forms are obtainable from The Principal, Marlborough Boys' College, or the Scholarships Office, with either of whom applications close on 31 August each year.

Hawkes Bay Farm Improvement Club Trust Scholarships

Two scholarships are available at \$600 each. Open to candidates who have passed the first year of the B.Agr.Sc., B.Agr., B.Hort.Sc., B.Hort., B.Com.(Ag.) degrees. Tenable for one year but may be extended. Candidates normally resident in the areas of Waipawa and Waipukurau District Council; Dannevirke, Akitio and Woodville County Councils; Dannevirke and Woodville Borough Councils.

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The William Hudson Scholarship

A scholarship of a value of \$300 tenable for one year, is available to candidates who have successfully passed the first year of an undergraduate diploma or degree course in agriculture at Lincoln and are enrolled for their second year.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office 31 March each year

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The Jeff Farm Scholarships

Up to 20 scholarships of up to \$6,000 each are available to assist young people into farm training either in a practical or academic context. The awards are targeted towards students who need assistance on account of their financial situation, their existing environment or their state of health. Students should be enrolled in Dip.F.M., B.Agr., B.Agr.Sc., B.Hort., B.Sc., B.Com.(Ag.)

Further information and application forms are available from the Scholarships Office. Applications close on 5 September each year.

The Murray King Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship of up to \$2,000 is available to a student who has completed all or part of their secondary education in the Wairarapa, or who lives in the Wairarapa at the time of applying. Applicants attending a N.Z. university to obtain a degree with particular emphasis on sustainable land management, indigenous forest management or soil conservation.

Further information and application forms available from Murray King Memorial Scholarship, C/- Masterton District Council, PO Box 444, Masterton. Applications close 31 December each year.

The Kitchener Memorial Scholarship

The Kitchener Memorial Scholarship Trust Act 1941 allows the Trustees of the Kitchener Memorial Scholarship Fund to offer scholarships to members of the armed forces or children of service people undertaking an agricultural course of study at a New Zealand university. Scholarships are payable through the registry of the university at which the scholar is enrolled. The value of the scholarships shall normally be \$500.

The Act provides that applicants for the scholarships must be (in order of precedence) either:

- a. past or present members of the armed forces or children of past or present members of the armed forces who have seen active service and who, at the time of enlistment, were domiciled in New Zealand, whether actually resident therein or not; or
- b. past or present members of the armed forces or children of past or present members of the armed forces to whom the above does not apply; or
- c. persons resident in New Zealand for a period of not less than three years immediately before the award of the scholarship.

Note: Given the restriction on available funds, the Trustees have not been in a position to make awards to persons under category (c) during the last five years. It is not expected that this situation will change.

Applications must be accompanied by a certified copy of a full birth certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in the Register Book of Births), not a Certificate of Date of Birth. Applicants must also provide details of their claim to Category (a) or (b). This can be a Service Number, or Discharge Certificate or Certificate of Service etc (state which branch of the armed forces).

Applications, on the appropriate form, must reach the Scholarships Manager at the NZVCC by 1 December in the year prior to that in which the award is to be taken up.

Landcorp Farming "First Step" Awards

Landcorp wishes to attract students to study for a career in agriculture through this "First Step" opportunity. From time to time Landcorp will have permanent positions as Resident Farm Technicians available and recipients of the award may apply. In addition the recipients will have the opportunity to engage in paid farm work with Landcorp. Where possible, the recipient will be given the opportunity of undertaking his or her practical work requirements during that period.

Applications are called from students in their second to last year at Lincoln University studying full-time for a BAgr, BAgrSc, BAgrSc(Hons), BCom(Ag) or Dip FM.

Applicants must be a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident. Two awards will be available each year, and the value of each award will be \$2500. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 August.

Lincoln-Telford Fees Scholarships

Available annually to students enrolled in the Telford Diploma in Agriculture at Telford Rural Polytechnic at the time of application and who intend to enrol at Lincoln University for a full-time course of one year or more.

Each scholarship shall be tenable for the minimum time required to complete the qualification and comprises payment of the tuition fees for that course.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November of each year.

The Lincoln University Alumni Association Bursaries

The Lincoln University Alumni Association has made available nine bursaries for students enrolling in their first year of an undergraduate degree or diploma at Lincoln University.

Eight awards of up to \$2,000 each will be available to students normally resident in one each of the following regions: Auckland/Northland, Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Gisborne/Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa, Manawatu/Wellington/Taranaki, Marlborough/Nelson/West Coast, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland. One award of up to \$2,000 will be available to an overseas student who is not a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

The top applicant will receive a bursary covering payment of their tuition fees for one year.

Application forms are available from the Scholarships Office with whom applications close on 31 January each year. Note: The closing date for 2004 may be subject to change.

[Application Form](#) (pdf, 11KB)

[Regulations](#) (pdf, 11KB)

[Privacy Form](#), (pdf, 7.9KB)

Lincoln University East Coast High Achiever Scholarship

One scholarship is available every three years for a student who attended secondary school in the Gisborne District and intends registering full-time at Lincoln for a B.Com, a B.C.M. or Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Commerce. Some academic criteria apply.

The award pays the scholar's tuition fees plus an emolument of \$4,000 per annum for the minimum time required to complete their course.

The next closing date will be 31 January 2003.

Lincoln University Entrance Scholarships

Scholarships are available annually to students who have gained an A Bursary or better in the New Zealand University Entrance Bursary and Scholarship exams in the year immediately prior to applying for the scholarship. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents and enrol in a Bachelors degree programme at Lincoln University. The scholarships have a tenure of one year and comprise payment of tuition fees.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January each year.

Note: The closing date for 2004 may be subject to change.

Lincoln University Future Leaders Scholarships

This scholarship is intended to assist students of high academic calibre and leadership potential to begin their tertiary study at Lincoln University. Applicants must have gained a B Bursary or better in the New Zealand University Entrance Bursary Scholarship examinations in the year immediately prior to applying, and must be New Zealand citizens or New Zealand permanent residents who intend enrolling in a Bachelors degree programme at Lincoln University.

The majority of the scholarships will be tenable for one year and will comprise payment of tuition fees for that year.

A small number will offer payment of full tuition fees for the minimum time required to complete the degree.

Note: The scholarships are being offered for 2003

to students from the following schools:

- Aranui High School
- Riccarton High School
- St Margaret's College

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 October of each year.

Lincoln University Maori in Agribusiness Award

Available annually to Maori students who intend enrolling for a B.Com., B.C.M., Grad.Cert.Com, Grad.Dip.Com. Dip.Farm.Mgt. or Dip.Hort.Mgt. at Lincoln University. Applicants must be able to demonstrate links with iwi in the East Coast of the North Island. Some academic criteria apply.

Each award is tenable for the minimum time required to complete the qualification and comprises payment of the student's tuition fees.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January each year.

Lincoln University/New Zealand Education and Scholarships Trust

One scholarship shall be awarded to the top scoring applicant in each of the following NZEST subjects (five awards in total) who intends enrolling in a course of study at Lincoln University: Geography, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Accounting. Applicants must have gained entrance to a NZ university prior to registration at Lincoln University and be a NZ citizen or NZ permanent resident.

Each scholarship shall be tenable for the minimum time required to complete the degree and shall comprise of \$1,000 in each year of the award.

Applications will be by way of invitation via the NZEST.

Lincoln University Scholarships for Excellence

Regional awards are available for students who have gained an A Bursary or better in the New Zealand University Entrance Bursary and Scholarship Exams in the year immediately prior to applying for the scholarship.

Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents and must enrol in a Bachelors degree programme at Lincoln University.

One scholarship shall be awarded to a student normally resident in each of the following regions:

- North Island excluding Wellington
- Wellington province, Marlborough, Nelson, Westland
- Mid, South and North Canterbury (known as Barkers Scholarship)
- Otago, Southland

The scholarship pays tuition fees plus \$4,000 per academic year for the minimum time required to complete the course.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January each year.

Note: The closing date for 2004 may be subject to change.

Lincoln University Suffrage Centennial Undergraduate Scholarship

Open to female students of any nationality who are enrolled full-time at Lincoln University and will be in their final year of an undergraduate degree in the academic year following their application for the scholarship.

One scholarship shall be awarded annually, based on excellence in academic achievement.

The scholarship will comprise by way of a credit to the student's fees account an amount equal to the tuition fees payable by the recipient in the year following application.

Applications close 30 September each year with the Scholarships Office.

Lincoln University Summer Research Scholarships

A number of research scholarships are offered by some divisions during the summer vacation for students in their final year of an undergraduate degree and intending to return to Lincoln University for postgraduate study, or honours, masters and PhD students.

Scholarships are tenable for approximately 10 weeks and are valued at up to \$4,000.

Applications close in September and October. Specific dates and further information should be sought from the Scholarships Office.

A.D. Lochhead Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship is offered each year to a full-time student about to enter their final year of a B.Agr.Sc. at Lincoln University. Applicants should normally reside within the Canterbury Land District. The award comprises a credit (of a sum to be determined each year) to the student's fees account.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 October each year.

Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship

Offered to women 25 years of age and over who intend to pursue an educational programme to obtain a qualification for entry into the workforce; to gain further qualifications for the occupation in which they are employed and/or to change their occupation. Further details and application forms are available from the Scholarships Office.

Applications close with the Secretary, Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship Trust, Box 29207, Christchurch, on 1 October.

The T.E. Ludecke Memorial Award

An award established in memory of the late T.E. Ludecke and valued at up to \$500 is available to first or second year students not engaged in postgraduate studies and enrolled in a full-time course at Lincoln and who, in addition to commitment to study, make a positive contribution to the life of Lincoln University.

Applications or nominations close with the Scholarships Office on 30 June each year.

The Peter & Wendybell Lycette Trust Award

The award is tenable at either Lincoln or Massey University and is open to students studying, or intending to study courses in agriculture, horticulture, veterinary science, or other courses associated with the primary sector including resource management. The award is open to students who normally reside in the Central Hawkes Bay district. The award has a value of up to \$1,000 per annum, one half shall be paid in April and the balance in September. The award shall normally be tenable for one year, but in exceptional circumstances may be awarded for a second year.

Applications close with Mr S.A. Robinson, Te Maire, R.D. 2, Waipukurau on 1 February each year. Ph (06) 857 7924.

Rebecca L. Lynch Memorial Scholarship

Two scholarships are awarded each year to female students. They are available for one year, from January to December at the University of Idaho.

Recipients should be under 24 years of age and a student who is in her first year or subsequent years of university study. She should still be an undergraduate at the time of taking up the scholarship.

The following expenses are covered by the scholarship:

- Non-resident tuition.
- Registration fees.
- Room and board.

The University of Idaho offers a wide range of studies, and it is possible to cross credit subjects towards degrees at N.Z. universities

Applications close on 30 September.

Rebecca L.Lynch Memorial Scholarship, c/o Rosemary Boyd, 31 Stansell Ave., Tahunanui, Nelson

The Henry Marfell Scholarships

Scholarships with a maximum annual value of \$400 are available for up to two years to ex-pupils of New Plymouth Boys' High School who have completed at least one academic year in a full-time course leading to a degree in agricultural or veterinary science.

Applications close on 1 April with the Secretary, New Plymouth High School Board, Box 187, New Plymouth.

The Marlborough Farm Improvement Club Scholarship

One scholarship of \$300 is offered to a student from the Marlborough district enrolled or intending to enrol in a diploma or degree course in agriculture or horticulture.

Applications close on 31 October each year with the Marlborough Provincial Secretary, Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc.), PO Box 669, Blenheim or the Scholarships Office.

Meat New Zealand Agribusiness Scholarship

One scholarship is offered annually to N.Z. citizens or permanent residents about to enter their second year of Diploma in Farm Management and intends registering in ANSC 071 (Beef and Deer Production) and ANSC 073 (Sheep Production).

The scholarship has a tenure of one year and comprises payment of the student's tuition fees.

Applications close 1 October each year with the Scholarships Office.

The Michael Martin Bursary

A bursary with a maximum annual value of \$500 tenable for one year is available for candidates enrolled in Statutory Valuation (Rural) and Advanced Rural Valuation (VAPM 303 and 304) for the degree of Bachelor of Commerce (Agricultural).

Applications close with the Scholarships Office 31 March each year.

The Massey Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship is available to present or past pupils of Pukekohe High School who are attending an institution of tertiary education and pursuing a course of studies leading to a career associated with agriculture, horticulture or veterinary surgery.

Applications close with the Secretary, Pukekohe High School Board of Governors, PO Box 306, Pukekohe, on 1 February each year and from whom further information may be obtained.

Glad McArthur Horticultural Scholarship

Open to N.Z. citizens or permanent residents who attended a Central Otago High School for a minimum of three years, or whose home is in Central Otago and who attended boarding school, or who have been residing in Central Otago for a minimum of five years. Applicants must be studying or intending to study in areas relating to Horticulture. An award will not exceed \$1,000 and will be tenable for one year.

Applications close 31 October each year with the Glad McArthur Book Committee Inc., c/o Stonehenge, 4RD, Ranfurly, Central Otago.

New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship

Scholarships are available to students studying towards a bachelors degree in dairying related areas, including B.Agr., B.Agr.Sc., B.Agr.Sc.(Hons), B.Sc., B.Sc.(Hons), B.Com.(Agr), and B.Com.(Food Industry). Applicants need to have gained a B Bursary or better in the New Zealand Bursary and Scholarship Examinations and be either a New Zealand Citizen or New Zealand Permanent Resident.

Scholarships are tenable for up to four years and pay the formal annual tuition fees.

Application forms are available from the Scholarships Office, Lincoln University or the Education Co-ordinator, Dexcel, 57 Waerenga Rd, Te Kauwhata 2152. Closing date for applications to be advertised. Closing date for 2003 is 7 December 2002.

The John Charles Nicholson Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships are available each year to students who have attended St Peter's College, Gore, or Gore High School. To be eligible for the emolument a person must be intending to enrol or be enrolled as a full-time student in a course for a bachelors degree at Lincoln. The emolument granted is to be at the discretion of the Council.

Applications close on 31 October each year with the Scholarships Office

S.S. Obery Farm Cadet Bursary

A bursary normally tenable for one year is available to students intending to enrol or enrolled in the Diploma in Farm Management. Applicants must be undertaking or have completed their training as a farm cadet under the supervision of the North Canterbury Farm Education and Training Association and must normally reside between the Rakaia and Conway rivers.

The value of the scholarship is set each year.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office 1 November.

S.S. Obery Scholarship

This scholarship is offered annually to students intending to enrol or enrolled full-time in undergraduate agricultural or horticultural courses. Applicants must be normally resident in and have received their secondary education in the Canterbury district between the Waimakariri and Conway rivers. Tenure is for one year but holders may apply in a subsequent year. Value is set each year.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office 1 November

Pahiatua Branch - Federated Farmers' of N.Z. Scholarship

Available to residents of Pahiatua Federated Farmers District or pupils of Tararua College. Applications to be made in final year of secondary schooling by those intending to enrol in an agricultural university or a suitable approved agriculture training establishment. The scholarship is valued up to \$800 and tenable for one year only. Closing date for applications is 31 January each year.

Full information and application forms are available from Pahiatua Branch, Federated Farmers, c/o Mr W Wallace, RD9, Pahiatua.

The PPCS Limited Scholarships

Two scholarships of an annual value of \$500 each are available for the course for Diploma in Farm Management or degrees in Agricultural Science or in Agricultural Commerce, to students who are members of a Young Farmers' Club in the Aorangi and Tasman regions of the New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (Inc). Nominations are made by District Committees. Nominations from Districts close on 31 October each year.

The R.D.K. Agricultural Engineering Scholarship

A scholarship of an annual value of \$1,000 tenable for one year is available to native born New Zealand citizens enrolled at the University of Canterbury or Lincoln University who are engaged in study or research in agricultural engineering. Further details are obtainable from the Scholarships Administrator, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, with whom applications close on 31 March each year.

Rural Women New Zealand Education Fund

Grants of up to \$500 will be available to any person over 25 years of age wishing to extend their education or training in order to improve their level of skills. The applicant will need to indicate the benefit of the study to the wider

community as well as their personal development. Any short or long term course offered by a recognised education provider is eligible. Preference will be given to those who live in smaller centres or rural areas.

Applications to the Executive Officer, Rural Women New Zealand, PO Box 12-021, Wellington.

Rural Women New Zealand Tertiary Bursary

Applications must be accompanied by a letter, written by the applicant, outlining the reasons for requiring this financial assistance, the reasons for the proposed course of study and the intended use of the qualification. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens. Value: \$1,000.

Application forms are available from the Office Administrator, Rural Women New Zealand, PO Box 12021, Thordon, Wellington.

Rural Women New Zealand Textbook Grant

Textbook grants are available to full-time students studying for one year or more. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens. Value \$150.

Applications close 1 March. Application forms are available from the Office Administration, Rural Women New Zealand, PO Box 12-021, Wellington.

Sir Arthur Sims Scholarship

Scholarships of an annual value of not less than \$700 may be awarded to students who have attended Christchurch Boys' High School. The scholarships are available for any full-time degree course at Lincoln University. The scholarships may be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the Trustees and subject to academic performance. The Trustees may cease payment of a scholarship or award an amount less than \$700 if a satisfactory standard is not achieved, or if the holder fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Headmaster, Christchurch Boys' High School, or from the Scholarships Officer, Lincoln University. Applications close on 1 November each year with the Headmaster

Doris Elizabeth Geraldine Swadling Awards

Grants may be made to students who are residents of the Taranaki province who are under the age of twenty-one years and who wish to become farmers, to enable them to proceed to a degree or diploma course in agriculture at Lincoln University.

Further information is available from the Public Trust, PO Box 445, Hawera, with whom applications normally close each year in mid January.

The John Mowbray Howard Tripp Agricultural Scholarship

A scholarship is available annually to students enrolled in any full-time course in agriculture, horticulture, forestry or viticulture and oenology and who have been pupils of any secondary school in the land district of Canterbury for at least three years and have involved themselves in the practical requirements that are commensurate with their course of study.

The value will be set each year but awards up to \$750 plus \$150 book allowance have been made in recent years.

Applications close on 31 March each year with the Scholarships Office

WestpacTrust Scholarship

A scholarship of maximum annual value \$500, tenable for one year, is available for students enrolled in a degree or diploma course in agriculture, or the degree course in agricultural commerce whose youth has been spent substantially in Southland, and whose parents or whose guardian are resident in Southland, and who, upon completion of their studies, intend to take up a

career of benefit to Southland. Existing holders must reapply for the award for a second year.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 March each year.

Hugh Williams Ravensdown Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship is available each year to students who are the son or daughter of an existing Ravensdown shareholder. Applicants must be intending to undertake an agricultural/horticultural undergraduate degree full-time at Lincoln or Massey universities.

The recipient will receive a cash grant of \$5,000 a year for the duration of their undergraduate study, and the opportunity of paid holiday work at Ravensdown.

Applications close 16 December. Application forms can be obtained from Ravensdown Customer Centre, phone 0800 100 123, email

Wrightson Scholarships

Scholarships will be offered annually to the value of \$1,500 each to students registered full-time in their final year of B.Com.(Ag.), B.Com.(Hort.), B.Agr.Sc., or B.Hort.Sc. degrees. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

Applications close 31 March each year with the Scholarships Office.

WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST Scholarships for Excellence.

Scholarships may be offered annually to one full time student from each of the regions:

- Northern
- Waikato/ Bay of Plenty
- East Coast
- Taranaki/ Manawatu
- Tasman

- Aorangi
- Otago/Southland

The regions are defined in the rules for the WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens.

Applicants must be registered or be intending to register for study for a Lincoln University undergraduate diploma, bachelors degree, graduate certificate or diploma or postgraduate degree, diploma or certificate.

The criteria for the awards are, potential for academic success, participation in the WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST at District Final level and evidence of potential leadership skills and community service. Each scholarship will pay for the scholar's tuition fees for one year. Satisfactory progress must be maintained. Some restrictions on holding additional scholarships apply.

Applications to be made to WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST PO Box 414, Ashburton and close on 22 February 2003.

WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST Study Scholarship

The scholarship shall be awarded to the second place-getter in the WRIGHTSON AGMARDT YOUNG FARMER CONTEST immediately following the contest. The value of the scholarship is \$5,000 for course fees and is available over a three-year period.



TELFORD RURAL POLYTECHNIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES 2004

Telford is fortunate in having a number of substantial scholarships and bursaries available to assist students with costs of study at Telford and beyond.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Salvation Army Edmund Sanderson Jeff Scholarships

The Salvation Army owns and manages a substantial holding in the Kaiwera District, near Gore, that was bequeathed by the late Mr Jeff. The farm and profits are used to train under-privileged young people in farming. Applications will be considered from all young people who wish to study at Telford Rural Polytechnic. Priority will be given to those students who need assistance because of their financial situation, living circumstances or state of health. The awards include study fees, meals and accommodation funded to a maximum of 80% of total costs. **Applications close on 5 September 2003.** Application forms are available from Telford on request.

Haldon Station Scholarship

A \$1,500 scholarship is offered to a Certificate in Agriculture student who has a strong interest in following a career in the sheep/beef industry. Applicants must have a genuine financial need and display future promise in their career pathway. There is an expectation that the successful student will work on the property during the holiday periods and for their work experience over the lambing/calving period. **Applications should be received at Telford by the end of January 2004.**

Landcorp Farming Limited

Two scholarships of \$2,500 each are offered to Certificate in Agriculture or Certificate in Dairy Practice students. It is anticipated that the successful students will work on Landcorp Farms during holiday periods and for their work experience over the lambing/calving period. **Applications should be received at Telford by the end of January 2004.**

Manchester Group Bursary

A bursary is offered to the value of \$1500, by way of remitting the meal component of the Halls of Residence fee. Students must live in the Halls of Residence for a minimum of 34 weeks, have a genuine financial need and achieve satisfactory academic results. **Applications should be received at Telford by the end of January 2004.**

Alliance Group Bursary (Certificate in Agriculture)

A bursary to the value of \$1000 is available to the son or daughter of a shareholder or employee of the Alliance Freezing Company. **Applications should be made directly to the Company by the beginning of November 2003.**

LA Alexander Agricultural College Trust Board

Financial assistance is available for students born or educated in the Taranaki/Waverley area. Please contact Telford for an application form.

Mosgiel Rotary Forestry Bursary

A bursary to the value of \$1000 is available to a student normally living in the Mosgiel area who intends to enrol in the Telford Certificate in Forestry. Applications should be made directly to the Mosgiel Rotary Club by the beginning of November 2003.

Wineta Forest Products Limited Telford Scholarships

Wineta Forest Products Limited, Mosgiel offers two pre-entry scholarships of \$2,500 each to students enrolling in the Certificate in Forestry course. Preference will be given to applicants who normally reside in the South Island. The scholarship winners will receive half of the award on notification of successful application, and the balance half way through the course, subject to satisfactory progress being maintained. Successful recipients are required to provide quarterly reports to Wineta during their year of study. Successful recipients are also required to work for Wineta or its appointed contractors during holiday periods, and for at least a year following completion of the Certificate in Forestry course. Application should be made at the time of enrolment. Applications should be received at Telford by the end of January 2004.

City Forests Limited, Dunedin Scholarship

City Forests Ltd and Gamble Forest Harvesting Ltd offer a full-fee scholarship to a student enrolling in the Certificate in Forestry course. The terms and conditions of this scholarship are likely to include a requirement that the successful recipient works for City Forests Ltd or its appointed contractors during holiday periods, and for a specified period of time following completion of the Certificate in Forestry course. Applications should be received at Telford by the end of January 2004.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES AVAILABLE DURING THE YEAR

The recipients of the following two scholarships are selected by interview. Application forms are available from Telford.

Foliafeed Fertiliser Limited Scholarship

One scholarship of \$1,000 is available to a student from the North or South Island who is enrolled on the Telford Certificate in Agriculture. This scholarship is paid in two parts: \$500 upon confirmed enrolment, and \$500 on satisfactory completion of the one-year course.

The Telford Gowrie Trust Scholarship

One scholarship to the value of \$1000 is available to a student from the North or South Island who is enrolled full time in the Telford Certificate in Agriculture or Certificate in Dairy Practice course. The scholarship is paid in two parts: \$500 upon confirmed enrolment, and \$500 on satisfactory completion of the one-year course.

 **Southland Boys' High School - Crickshank Bursary**

A bursary to the value of \$250 is available to a Certificate in Agriculture or Certificate in Dairy Practice student from the Southland region.

 **South Otago Farm Forestry Association**

A bursary to the value of \$1000 is available to a student studying for either the Telford Certificate in Forestry or Telford Certificate in Agriculture, who has a particular interest in farm forestry. Students are required to complete trial work.

 **Meat New Zealand Agri-Business Scholarship**

One fee scholarship is offered to a student enrolled in the Certificate in Agriculture. **Applications should be received at Telford by 28 March 2004.**

 **Rural Women New Zealand Southland - Forestry Bursary**

A bursary to the value of \$1,000 is available to a student from Southland studying for the Telford Certificate in Forestry.

 **Northern Otago Farm Forestry Association Bursary**

A bursary to the value of \$1,000 is available to a student studying for the Telford Certificate in Forestry. Preference is given to a student who has resided in the Waitaki District before coming to Telford.

 **Reid Trust**

A bursary to the value of \$1,000 is available to a student from Otago or Southland, studying full time towards a Telford Certificate.

 **Westpac Trust Southland**

A bursary to the value of \$500 may be awarded to a Telford Certificate in Agriculture or Certificate in Dairy Practice student from the Southland region who has a genuine financial need.

 **NZ Honey Industry Trusts**

Up to \$3,200 is available per year, awarded on a term basis, to an Advanced Certificate in Apiculture student.

 **Beeline**

A bursary to the value of \$300 worth of products is awarded to a student in the Certificate in Queen Bee Rearing course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES AWARDED AT THE END OF THE YEAR

Unless otherwise stated, recipients of the following awards are selected by interview during the last term of study. Application forms are available from Telford.

📖 Lincoln Telford Fees Scholarship

This one-year fees scholarship may be available to a student who is intending to further his or her career path at Lincoln University.

📖 Rotary Club of Dunedin Scholarship

Two \$3,000 scholarships are offered each year: one for a full-time student, and the other for a full-time forestry student, who show future promise and who wish to continue their further education.

📖 Wrightson Education Trust Bursary

Two \$1,000 bursaries are awarded to graduating students who wish to continue their further education.

📖 Telford Old Students' Association

An award of recognition is given to the student from an urban background who attains the overall highest marks.

📖 Bank of New Zealand Bursary

The BNZ offers one \$500 bursary to a student who shows future promise and displays a genuine financial need.

**For any questions regarding the above bursaries please do not hesitate to contact
Telford Rural Polytechnic on 0800 835 367**



Scholarships Available at Massey University for Agricultural Programmes

Scholarship Name	Closing Date	Summary Description
AGMARDT Scholarship	31/10/2004	For students enrolled full time for a PhD at a NZ University in a branch of Agriculture - horticulture, forestry, pastoral and arable agriculture
ALEXANDER LA Agricultural College Trust Board	28/02/2004	For students born or educated in Taranaki/Waverley area, studying in agriculture, horticulture and all types of farming
ALEXANDER LA Agricultural Teaching Scholarship	31/12/2003	For agriculture/horticultural graduates of MU who are NZ citizens or permanent residents, who wish to enrol in a Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)
Andrew Bendall Scholarship	10/03/2004	Open to third year Massey University students who are enrolled full-time to study agriculture, agribusiness or rural valuation within the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.
BAKER C. Alma Fellowship	31/07/2004	To assist senior researchers who research in the fields of Agriculture, Agriculture related technologies, or the study of rural society, with travel between NZ and UK,
BAKER C. Alma Postgraduate Scholarship	1/02/2004	For NZ citizens who are graduates of NZ Universities, doing postgraduate research in NZ or overseas, in the fields of Agriculture, Agricultural related technologies, or the study of rural society
BAKER C. Alma Research Grant	1/11/2004	For established researchers to support research projects in the fields of Agriculture, Agricultural related technologies, or the study of rural society
BANK of New Zealand Graduate Scholarship	1/10/2004	For graduates who are NZ citizens or permanent residents, undertaking full time study in the Commerce, Economic, Computer Science, Technology, Agriculture or related fields
BANK of New Zealand Undergraduate Scholarship	1/10/2004	For students enrolled full time in their final year of an undergraduate degree who are NZ citizens or permanent residents, undertaking study in an agriculture or primary industry related field of study.
BING'S Scholarship	1/10/2004	For Masters students studying in the fields of Medicine, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Psychology, Psychaitry, or Theology
BULL James Agricultural Scholarship	17/12/2003	For students entering their first year of study in the Agriculture field who are either a family member of a staff member from the James Bull group, or resident in the Rangitikei/Waimarino districts
CAMELLIA Memorial Scholarship	15/11/2003	For graduate students enrolled at any university intending to study in Horticulture, Agriculture or Science and directed to such disciplines as taxonomy, health or culture of the genus Camellia

CONDELL Leonard Farming PhD Scholarship	10/03/2004	For NZ born graduates entering fields of research for the benefit of some branch of Agriculture in NZ
CONDELL Leonard Farming Postdoctoral Scholarship	10/03/2004	For NZ born graduates entering fields of research for the benefit of some branch of Agriculture in NZ
CONDELL Leonard Farming Postgraduate Scholarship	10/03/2004	For NZ born graduates entering fields of research for the benefit of some branch of Agriculture in NZ
COURT John Scholarship	1/02/2004	For students resident in the Auckland area wishing to study Agriculture
DURING Peter Bursary	10/03/2004	Open to students who are enrolled in full time postgraduate study in agriculture.
GIBSON Robert Methodist Trust Board Bursaries & Student Grants	30/11/2003	For students studying undergraduate or postgraduate level, with preference being given to orphans, persons taking an agriculture course, & whose parents are Methodists or Presbyterians
GUNSON Sir James Scholarship	1/02/2004	For postgraduate students studying Agriculture, Horticulture, or Dairy Science investigating problems affecting the Auckland province
LANDCORP Farming ""First Step"" Bursary	30/05/2004	For MU students normally resident in NZ and enrolled in their final year of full time study in Agriculture or Animal Science in the BApplSc, BSc, BApplSc (Hons), BSc (Hons), DipApplSc, or DipRuralStud
LYCETTE Peter & Wendybell Trust Award		For students studying Agriculture, Horticulture or Veterinary Science who are resident in the Hawkes Bay district
MASSEY Memorial Scholarship		For former students of Pukekohe High School studying Agriculture or an allied subject at university level
MASSEY William Memorial Trust Miller Buchanan Postgraduate Scholarship in Agriculture	10/03/2004	For students enrolled full time in a Postgraduate Diploma or Masterate degree in the following paper disciplines - 111, 112, 117, 119, 168, 171, 188, 189
MEAT NZ Diploma in Agriculture Bursary		For NZ citizens or permanent residents enrolled full time for the Diploma in Agriculture
MILVERTON William Scholarship	10/03/2004	For students domiciled in NZ who are enrolled full time for the Diploma in Agriculture or BApplSc degree at MU
New Zealand Grasslands Memorial Trust Levy Student Fellowship		For students enrolled in their first year of an agriculture degree whose family are NZGA members
NZ Large Herds Association Scholarship		For graduates in Agriculture from a NZ university who are undertaking a postgraduate degree or who are working in the field of Agriculture
PENDELLA Award	10/03/2004	For students studying Agriculture in the BApplSc or BSc degree or the Diploma in Agriculture, who are intending to develop a career in the wool industry
RATTRAY Dairy Bursary	10/03/2004	For students enrolled in the first year of the BApplSc degree in Agriculture

REN Prof Jizhou Scholarship	1/10/2004	For Chinese students enrolled full time in one of the applied sciences, or for Chinese scientists researching agriculture or horticulture in the College of Sciences for a minimum of 6 months, or for NZ Scientists wanting to visit China to study Agriculture or Horticulture
DNHP Scholarship in Human Nutrition	15/11/2003	For students enrolled in the MSc (Nutritional Science) wishing to undertake research work within the Dairy Nutrition and Health Programme
GUNSON Sir James Scholarship	1/02/2004	For postgraduate students studying Agriculture, Horticulture, or Dairy Science investigating problems affecting the Auckland province
McCLUNIE Birch-Stork Friesland Scholarship		For technical graduates of the Dairy Industry to spend two months at Stork Friesland facilities in Holland
MCGRATH Dave Memorial Scholarship	28/02/2004	For students undertaking a one year research project in a relevant dairy farming topic
NZ Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship	30/11/2003	For NZ citizens or permanent residents who are enrolled in a Bachelors degree that is Dairy related
NZ Dairy Ingredients Ltd Bursaries	1/03/2004	Based on academic achievement in the third year of the BTech degree in Food Technology
RATTRAY Dairy Bursary	10/03/2004	For students enrolled in the first year of the BApplSc degree in Agriculture
TARANAKI Dairy Farmers Conference Scholarship	10/03/2004	For students enrolled full time in the BApplSc (Hons) or DipApplSc programmes at MU
NZ Sheep Industry Postgraduate Scholarship	20/12/2003	For students intending to enrol full time for the first time at Turitea campus at MU, studying either the MApplSc or MSc programmes in a sheep related area
NZ Sheep Industry Undergraduate Scholarship	20/12/2003	For students intending to enrol full time for the first time at Turitea campus at MU, studying a bachelors degree in sheep related areas
WILLEY Vernon Trust Fellowship	1/11/2004	For students enrolled in a PhD degree whose research will benefit the sheep and wool industry

SCHOLARSHIPS

ANN SINCLAIR TRUST:

The above Trust awards scholarships annually to students wishing to enter an agricultural course but who, because of personal circumstances may not be able to totally finance themselves.

Students need to be from the lower half of the North Island.

Forms are available from Taratahi or the Presbyterian Support Services.

Applications must be made to:

*Presbyterian Support Services
P.O. Box 9246
Te Aro
WELLINGTON*

No later than 31st October.

WAIRARAPA REGION OF RURAL WOMEN NZ.

The Wairarapa Region of Rural Women NZ make available two thousand(\$2,000.00) dollars annually to assist students attending a Primary Industry based course at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre.

At the discretion of the selection panel the Bursary(s) may be in total or sums NOT LESS than \$500.00 to one or more applicants in any one year.

Applications are called for in early April each year

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA.

The Rotary Club of South Wairarapa provide one bursary to the value of course fees annually.

Applicants must be residents of South Wairarapa. Other criteria includes academic ability, work habits, personality and financial situation.

Forms are available from Taratahi and applications are called for in November prior to course commencement.

MARGARET BASHFORD TRUST AND ROYCE NICHOLLS TRUST.

Varying amounts are paid to successful applicants depending on their financial circumstances and the types of courses to be undertaken, after giving priority to:

1. *Residents of the South Taranaki and Stratford Districts*
2. *Residents of other areas of Taranaki*
3. *Residents of other parts of New Zealand.*

Applications close toward the end of February each year. Forms and information may be obtainable from:

*D.A. Hastie
427 D Matangi Road
RD4
HAMILTON
07 829 5110*

or contact Taratahi.

MAORI EDUCATION FOUNDATION - AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded annually to a Maori student with preference given to students of Ngati Kahungunu descent and is undertaking a full time residential course of study at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre.

Applications available from the:

*Maori Education Trust
P O Box 11 255
Wellington
Phone 04 4998041*

P & O NEDLLOYD UK EXCHANGE

Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre in conjunction with Telford Rural Polytechnic and P & O Nedlloyd Containers offer two students the opportunity to study Agriculture in the UK at Walford College or Kirkley Hall.

Applications for the exchange will be called for in November with successful candidates advised in March. the exchange commences in July of each year.

This exchange program is currently under review.

CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Awarded annually to a student who has completed the Certificate of Agriculture. This award is selected by Taratahi Staff and awarded at Graduation.

MEAT NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP

Meat New Zealand provide an annual scholarship covering course fees to a full time Certificate in Agriculture (Sheep & Beef Option) student.

Applications are called for in late February with interviews held in early March..

LANDCORP FARMING LTD SCHOLARSHIP

Landcorp Farming Limited provides two scholarships annually to the value of course fees to a Taratahi student enrolled in the Certificate in Agriculture.

Students must demonstrate merit and future promise and show a commitment to work in the future for Landcorp.

Applications are called for in late February.

L.A. ALEXANDER TRUST

Students may apply for financial assistance from the L.A. Alexander Trust provided they come from the Taranaki/Waverley area.

Applications forms are available from Taratahi or:

*The Secretary, L.A. Alexander Trust
P O Box 69
New Plymouth*

Close off date for applications is 28 February.

SALVATION ARMY – EDMOND SANDERSON JEFF FARM SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded annually to students enrolling at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre. Up to 10 Scholarships are awarded annually with their value varying normally between \$1,000 - \$2,000. Priority will be given to those who need assistance on account of their financial situation, their existing environment or their state of health.

Applications close in November of the year preceding student's study, with application forms available from Taratahi.

TARATAHI AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE LEVEL 2 SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to students enrolling at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre. These students will currently be studying at their school for the National Certificate in Farming – Level 2 with Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre

Two scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded annually.

Applications need to be received by 31st October and are available at Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre or the school's STAR Co-ordinator

There are also many scholarships available to students on a regional basis. You should contact your local service clubs and farming groups to see if they offer assistance.

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APPENDIX III



■ Captain Christine Tyson

A LASTING LEGACY

On the State highway in eastern Southland, halfway between Clinton and Matura, a once run down farm is a lasting legacy to one man's generosity and an organisation's determination to honour his trust in them.

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directed to Salvation Army programmes for disadvantaged young people. The scholarships were valued from \$1,000 to \$6,000 amounts determined by how applicants met scholarship criteria and with special emphasis given to those who were underprivileged. All scholarships are paid directly to the training provider. They are for one year, but students can apply for subsequent years too.

Nigel Udy was involved in Jeff Farm Scholarships while working at Telford. As operations manager at Taratahi he now helps eligible students there seek scholarship assistance too. The Army's scholarship scheme is the largest he's aware of nationally and he says it delivers many benefits to students, particularly those receiving large scholarships. 'They don't have to pay back large student loans or get part-time jobs. They can perhaps start study earlier than otherwise and can enjoy a bit of a social life too. It's a motivating factor.'

Geoff Hart is one of the first 12 scholarship recipients at Taratahi, where he is studying for an agriculture certificate. The 17-year-old is a Taranaki 'townie' who decided farming was for him after working on a friend's farm. Geoff remembers travelling for three hours, 'full of nerves', for his scholarship interview but says the \$1,900 scholarship he received has made a huge difference. 'It turned the tables for me. If I hadn't got the scholarship I probably would have stayed at home and tried correspondence. It was the deciding factor.' He says the scholarship helped him avoid a big student loan and he thinks he'll get ahead in farming more quickly because of it. 'It's a great idea and it's helped a lot of people!'

Verne Vercoe has no doubt that there have been two important events in The Salvation Army's involvement with Jeff Farm: instituting a management board, on which he's served for almost 20 years, and having the terms of the original bequest amended. 'Since the terms of the Will changed, it's wonderful,' he says. Neither does he have any doubt about what Mr Jeff's reaction would be if he saw his old farm today and heard how many lives had been helped by his gift. 'He just wouldn't believe it!'

During the depression years of the 1930s, life was difficult for rural New Zealanders. These were desperate times when farmers hung on to what little they had, often living on credit and goodwill. Then came the war years. With the nation's fit young men fighting overseas, farm labour was hard to come by and properties began to show signs of neglect.

In 1952, Edmund Sanderson Jeff was a client of stock and station firm, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, in Gore. His wife had died the previous year, the couple had no children and he was living alone on a vast property that was well past its glory days.

Vern Vercoe worked as an agent of the same stock firm and remembers 'Mr Jeff' as 'a kindly old gent and a good-living man' who bought lollies for Vern's children. He suggests Jeff Farm's owner probably suffered through having a large property that didn't generate sufficient funds. 'He plodded on and then came to the conclusion that he'd give it to the Army.' Vern feels sure that something of The Salvation Army's work had 'struck a chord' with Edmund Jeff. But there was another motive too. 'He was going to beat the government as I recall.'

The New Zealand government was confiscating similar properties and subdividing them for returned servicemen. There was strong, even violent, opposition to the Crown's plan in proud Southland. Rather than do battle through the courts as some did, Edmund Jeff devised a scheme that would ensure the government did not get his land and that he would have some influence over its future use.

On 9 April 1952, he gifted all but 700 or so acres of property—4,800 acres or 1,939 hectares—as a Trust to The Salvation Army; one they would continue to administer after his death. He continued to live on the remaining block for a short time afterwards.

The Salvation Army took possession of Jeff Farm on 15 June 1954 and quickly realised that its dilapidated condition wasn't the only difficulty they had to overcome. Jeff Farm is

situated in an area with a very high rainfall and its rolling hills brought major problems with surface water. The farm remained largely undeveloped for over thirty years, and Verne Vercoe says The Salvation Army drew 'some pretty heavy criticism' from those who saw its potential. Then, in the early 1980s, a farm management board was set up. Its five farmer members put substantial effort into drainage, access roads and pasture renewal as well as upgrading livestock, machinery and buildings.

John Chittock is the farm's fifth manager. He says the climate is still the biggest challenge. 'We seem to get everything—rain, snow and the wind that goes along with them. Last year



THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS THE DECIDING FACTOR
—TIMOTHY QUINN

we had 70 inches of rainfall!' But he's fortunate in reaping the rewards of good work by former managers and the Army's management board. 'It's been farmed properly,' he says. 'There's a balance in the type of land—beautiful flat country as well as some hilly land. People tell us it stands out.' Currently, there are almost 22,000 stock units on the farm including 15,000 sheep, 950 cattle and 600 deer. Each year 150 hectares of crops are put in. 'We're pretty proud of what we've got here.'

After developing the farm, The Salvation Army's next task was using it in a way that met Edmund Jeff's Trust conditions, 'that the farm and farm profits be used for the training of under-privileged youths in farming.' Although three or four farm cadets were living and learning there each year, as Jeff

Farm became more profitable there was the enviable problem of what to do with the money it generated. Salvation Army financial secretary Major Graeme Reddish says the problem was that the Trust's original purpose was too narrow for the ongoing use of funds. 'The developed farm had more potential.'

More and more farm training was being done in the classroom and The Salvation Army began to explore the idea of scholarships to help struggling would-be students, reasoning that such a scheme would benefit many more young people than farm cadetships alone. It also saw how farm profits could strengthen current and future Salvation Army programmes for disadvantaged youth. So, in November 1995, they went to the High Court seeking to widen the Trust's terms.

This was an unusual course of action, but Major Reddish explains that most bequests are not of an ongoing nature. It is more usual, he says, for bequests to come without stringent conditions attached. 'Sometimes a Will is too narrow or it may have been left for work in a specific place where we no longer have any work. What's most important to us are bequests left on trust and then applied where there is the greatest need, so our preference is for Wills to specify, "For general Salvation Army use."'

The High Court amended the Trust to permit scholarships for offsite training, through the Edmund Sanderson Jeff Farm Training Award, and allocation of funds to certain Salvation Army youth programmes. The changes meant Jeff Farm's profits could be used more widely, while still honouring Edmund Jeff's original purpose for the farm.

'We currently distribute around \$500,000 a year to scholarships and other community programmes,' Major Reddish says. In the past financial year, 45 students received a total of \$250,000 for scholarships to three agricultural training institutions—Telford Rural Polytech at Balclutha; Lincoln University, Canterbury; and, for the first time, Taratahi Agricultural College near Masterton. A further \$240,000 was



Dexcel and dairy sector education

Developing an industry strategy for on-farm education

Dexcel promotes dairy industry learning, assists in the development of industry educational frameworks and ensures high quality delivery networks are maintained.

It also ensures there is quality education throughout the industry by influencing unit standards and providers and making sure education is of good quality and focused on outcomes.

Promoting dairying as a career

Dexcel makes sure secondary schools get the message that dairying is a sound career whether students want to attend university or start work on the farm. Dexcel links the dairy industry and schools and ensures school careers advisers have accurate information both on the role of Dexcel and the dairy industry.

Dexcel administers the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarships which have been established to assist students of high academic calibre at either Massey or Lincoln Universities with their tuition fees for dairying-related study. Thirty scholarships have been awarded over the past year.

Dexcel has featured in careers expos in Waikato, Taranaki, Manawatu and Canterbury and helped organise the Windows on Dairying promotion. Dexcel also widely promotes dairying careers in appropriate magazines and newspapers.

Aligning education and vocational training opportunities with on-farm career progression

Dexcel has formed partnerships with AgITO and universities to develop integrated training opportunities, training linked to career pathways and promotion of training through other provider networks. It is also linking social science research into education products to improve training effectiveness.



Dairy scholarships help **success**

Forty five young Lincoln and Massey University students are benefiting from the New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarships.

The scholarships help students of high academic calibre take university degrees, that provide them with the education and training to support the development of the dairy industry.

Applicants must have a minimum B Bursary and be either a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

The scholarships are for up to four years and pay for course fees. They are awarded by a committee comprising representatives of the two universities and the dairy industry. Students must satisfactorily complete their course work each year.

The criteria for a successful application include: academic merit; evidence of

activity to support the dairy industry; evidence of potential leadership skills and/or service to the community or sporting activities; agreement to contribute to the development and promotion of the

dairy industry; and academic performance.

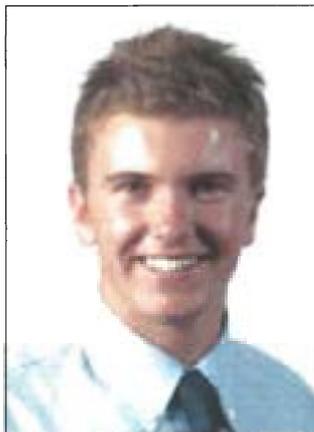
The closing date for applications each year is December 7. All applications should be made to Bill Barwood, Dexcel, Private Bag 3221, Hamilton. ●



Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship winners following the awards at Lincoln University.

Young CO enjoys **challenges**

Ask Corrigan Sowman what he enjoys most about the prospect of being a Dexcel Consulting Officer later this year and he'll tell you it's working with people, having plenty of variety and heaps of challenges everyday.



Corrigan (pictured) is in final training for the new, exciting role of CO with Dexcel. His pathway into this position makes interesting reading for any young person thinking of their future in dairying.

Corrigan is a farm boy from way back. His parents milk 850 cows in Golden Bay near Takaka.

After leaving Golden Bay High School, he attended Massey University from 1999 until 2002 studying for a Bachelor of Applied Science with double majors in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management.

The degree took three and half years to complete and Corrigan was helped in his last year by winning a New Zealand Dairy Industry Undergraduate Scholarship, sponsored by Dexcel Limited on behalf of the New Zealand dairy industry.

Corrigan found out about the scholarship during the second semester of 2001, after he returned from a voluntary

break in his earlier study, when he had decided to make dairying his career.

Apart from the obvious monetary value of the scholarship (which paid all his tuition fees for 2002), winning a scholarship opened doors to other scholarships and opportunities.

"The scholarship makes you realise anything is possible," says Corrigan. "It opened doors for me and I was very proud to be a holder in 2002."

The pathway he took into employment with Dexcel was directly linked to his record

as a top achieving student with a passion for dairying. After a rigorous application process that included an initial interview, field interview, skills test and a social occasion with other applicants and the selection committee, Corrigan initially declined the job until he had hands-on dairying experience.

"COs with Dexcel are multi-skilled, well trained and go on to great things," says Corrigan, "and this was the attraction of taking up the position."

He is eagerly anticipating his first appointment to an area where he can be involved with the dairy farming community, helping them grow their businesses.

Corrigan is a young man with his future ahead of him. He is dedicated to being a full-on contributor to the industry, initially as a CO, and later, who knows? He is already looking to farm management and eventually farm ownership.

Dexcel is proud to have assisted Corrigan on his way by helping with his final year of study and by providing him the employment opportunity that he won on his merits and promise. ●