

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our scholarships

Hamilton City Council offers a number of scholarships each year for students who are studying in disciplines in which Council is experiencing difficulty recruiting tertiary educated professionals.

There are currently scholarships available for:

- Planning (study programmes through University of Auckland, Waikato University and Massey University).

Scholarship provisions

Hamilton City Council scholarships include:

- Payment of course fees for an approved programme;
- Paid employment with Council during the summer vacation period;
- The provision of relevant work, and appropriate supervision, during the periods of paid work;
- The provision of employment with Council at the completion of the qualification.

The scholarships are intended to support the completion of qualifications for current staff and/or full time students who are studying in these disciplines and to provide the recipient with employment on completion.

Eligibility

Students who are studying in the disciplines covered by our scholarships are eligible subject to the following criteria:

1. Scholarships will be awarded to students who have two years left to complete their qualification. Once the undergraduate is selected and completes the initial year successfully, they will be entitled to have a further year of scholarship support to complete their qualification;
2. Paid vacation work, with supervision and coaching, is available to the scholarship student in one of the units in Council whose responsibilities are in the area of the discipline (eg roading engineering teams for engineering scholarship). Students must be resident in Hamilton during this time at no cost to Council;
3. Applicants should have excellent or above average academic grades for their first year of study;
4. Applicants should have a desire to live in Hamilton after completion of their study;
5. Applicants must be able to demonstrate their ability to behave consistently with Council values;
6. Scholarships are available to NZ citizens and residents only.

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Scholarships represent an investment for Council, and it is expected that will be returned by continued employment for at least two years.

Where a recipient of scholarship support leaves Council employment within two years of the completion of scholarship support, Council will seek reimbursement of fees paid on the following basis:

- Applies where the staff member resigns or is dismissed;
- In the first 12 months following return to work after full time study, all fees paid will be sought, to be reimbursed to Council prior to final pay;
- From 12-24 months 50% of fees paid to be reimbursed to Council prior to final pay.