**EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY FOREST AND BIRD**

**Marine Education Scholarship 2023**
1. Forest and Bird

The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ Inc (Forest and Bird) is an independent national conservation organisation funded by subscriptions and donations.

It is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005 Registration No CC 26943.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch is one of 50 branches throughout Aotearoa.

Information about Forest and Bird can be found at [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz)

2. Purpose

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Forest and Bird Marine Education Scholarship is to encourage and enable study of marine biology to foster greater awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the values of the marine environment, particularly in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

3. Value
The amount of the scholarship will vary over time depending on the funds available to support it. In 2022 there is a total fund of $2,000.00 available as the annual allocated scholarship for payments to a student or split between multiple students.

Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship in future years to assist with their studies subject to their academic success.

4. Payment
The application form for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Forest and Bird Marine Education Scholarship applies to the calendar year 2023. The scholarship amount will be paid out on the successful completion of the year’s study (or semester where a course finishes in that timeframe).

A pass mark is required in all subjects undertaken.

5. Eligibility
a. Applicants must be either full or part-time students undertaking a marine biology degree or diploma taken at a New Zealand university or polytech.
b. Application can also be made for costs of a SCUBA diving course *where this is an integral part of the course.*

c. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents with their family home in the
boundaries of the Whakatane, Kawerau or Opotiki Districts (includes Murupara).
d. There is no age limit but preference will be given to first-time students.

6. Selection Criteria

The Selection Team will be looking for:
• Academic ability and commitment to complete a qualification, including past achievement;

• A passion for the marine environment and to furthering knowledge of marine biology;
• Referees’ comments.

7. Referees

Applicants should provide contact details for 2 referees from each of the following:

* a current or former teacher or coach; and
* any other person in the community known to the applicant such as a church, club or sporting official, kaumatua or marae committee member.

If there are personal reasons why 2 referees cannot be provided, this should be included with the application.

It is your responsibility to contact your referees and ask them if they agree to be a referee and be contacted by a representative from Forest and Bird. Be sure to provide clearly their name, relationship to you or position in the community, together with their address and telephone number.

If referees cannot be contacted that may prejudice your eligibility.

8. Personal statement

Applicants should provide a personal statement detailing the following (as set out in the adjoining application form or otherwise in a separate document):

* How you became interested in the marine ecosystem;
* How you decided on your chosen Tertiary course;
* How you see yourself being involved in marine conservation in the future;
* What you know about Forest & Bird’s campaigns for marine conservation, protection and sustainability;
* Any other relevant information that will clearly outline your situation stating which criteria you fit and why.

9. Interview process

Applicants may be asked to an interview which would be arranged at a time and place convenient to both parties or by zoom.

10. Disclosure of Results
If you are successful in receiving an Eastern Bay of Plenty Forest and Bird Scholarship, by completing
this application form you agree to your academic results being released to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Forest and Bird Branch committee, who are very keen to follow your progress.

Your acceptance is also your agreement to publicity in the media about your receipt of the scholarship (but personal details such as your individual results will be confidential).

11. Privacy (Privacy Act 1993):
The information requested in this application form will be used solely to assess your application for the award for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will only be made available to members of the selection panel for this award. The panel will use references obtained from third parties designated by yourself in assessing your application. The panel undertakes to store your application in a secure place if you are successful in gaining an award and to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality if you are unsuccessful in gaining an award.

Personal information gained from the persons you have named as referees are obtained on the strict understanding that they are confidential between the referee and the Forest and Bird Selection Panel.

By making this application you agree to the Selection Panel contacting your referees to assess your application.

12. Applications close on Monday 18th November 2022.
Late applications will not be accepted.

The decision of the Selection Team is final, and no correspondence or re-assessment will be entered into.

13. Candidates to submit applications, your personal statement and **a copy** of your birth certificate or passport (do not send originals) to easternbayofplenty.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Emailing your application is acceptable if it is scanned and signed by you.

14. If you have any queries regarding your eligibility or how to apply, please contact:

Peter Fergusson petewfergusson@gmail.com

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**MARINE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Personal Details**

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Postal Address: |  |
| Landline: |  |
| Mobile: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |

**High School Education**

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| Name of high school /college attended & Years |  |
| Subjects and NCEA credits Level 1 |  |
| Subjects and NCEA credits Level 2 |  |
| Subjects and NCEA credits Level 3\* |  |

\*Assuming credits currently being studied for are gained

**Employment History**Please give a brief history of any jobs you have had including current employment details. Provide the organizations' name and type, approximate dates employed, and a brief description of your job.

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| Dates  | Organization Name & type  | Type of work you did |
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**Please advise us of any previous awards or scholarships you have received.**

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| Year ofaward  | Award received  | Amount  | Award received from |
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**Please advise us of any other awards or scholarships you have applied for
or will apply for in 2021.**

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| Scholarship orAward Name  | Institution Scholarship/Award is offered from |
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**Please answer the following 5 questions in no more than 300 words** (about half a page). You can do this on a separate page if you like.

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| **1. How did you become interested in the marine environment?** |  |
| **2. Why have you decided on marine biology as a career?** |  |
| **3. How did you decide on your chosen Tertiary course?**  |  |
| **4. How do you see yourself being involved in marine conservation in the future?** |  |
| **5. What do you know about Forest & Bird’s campaigns for marine conservation, protection and sustainability?** |  |

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| **Add here any other relevant information that will clearly outline your situation stating which criteria fit you and why**. |  |

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| **ANYTHING ELSE YOU’D LIKE TO SAY**? |

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| **Please provide details for your two referees**: |
| Referee 1: |
| Name | Address | Phone | Email | Relationship |
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| Referee 2: |
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| **Declaration:**I declare that the information contained in and provided in connection with this application is true andcorrect. **I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and will invalidate my application.** |
| Signature:  |
| Date: |

**Please submit your application by Monday 18th November 2022 to:**

easternbayofplenty.branch@forestandbird.org.nz