



# Don Linklater Memorial Bursary 2026

## Application Form

To honour the contribution made to the Manawatū-Whanganui Region and to local government by the late Don Linklater, Horizons Regional Council Chairman 1989–2000, we are offering a bursary for university study.

The bursary is worth \$8,000 per year, distributed across up to four recipients, and aims to support students studying in areas relevant to Horizons' work.

### To be eligible you must:

*(please read this section carefully)*

- be studying, or planning to study, at a New Zealand university fulltime in 2026 at either undergraduate or postgraduate level (internally, extramurally) in one of the existing fields:
  - Resource Management
  - Environmental Planning
  - Environmental Engineering with particular emphasis on river and drainage basin dynamics
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and live in the Horizons region (although you may be studying elsewhere in New Zealand).

### How is the bursary awarded?

The bursary recipients will be selected by a panel of Horizons' representatives. Up to four recipients may be successful. Consideration will be made to at least one of the four bursaries, based on meeting the eligibility criteria and your iwi/hapū connections to the region. Shortlisted applicants will then meet with the selection panel.

### What you need to do to apply:

If you meet the eligibility criteria and would like to apply for a bursary, please complete this form and attach:

- Verified copies of your most recent academic qualifications. If you have not yet completed a term of university study, please attach your previous two years' high school academic records. If you have already completed some tertiary study, please attach academic transcripts for study completed to date.
- An essay, of no more than 300 words, telling us why you should receive this bursary, and what you intend to do as a result of your study that will benefit our region and environment. and
- A copy of your CV (optional).

**Applications must be received by Thursday 23 April 2026.**



## Bursary Conditions

Applications for the Don Linklater Memorial Bursary are sought annually. The bursary will be awarded, subject to funding, and providing applications are of sufficient merit.

A bursary will be awarded to the successful candidate under the following conditions:

- a total of \$8,000 per year is available to be distributed. Successful applicants (up to 4) will be paid their part in two installments, one payment in June/July and one in December;
- consideration will be made to at least one of the four bursaries based on meeting the eligibility criteria and your iwi/hapū connections to the region. If you are applying based on this criteria, please complete as indicated in the section below;
- proof of satisfactory academic progress must be provided to Horizons following completion of each semester, payment will be made following receipt of the satisfactory results;
- bursary recipients are required to apply for the Linklater Bursary at the beginning of each academic year for approval, including current recipients;
- bursary recipients, who, without good reason, withdraw from full-time study or fail to successfully complete papers, may be required to reimburse all or part of the bursary to Horizons.

## Your Contact Details

Full Name:

Preferred First Name:

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different from residential address):

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

## Citizenship

Are you a NZ Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Yes  No

Please note that this scholarship is only open to NZ Citizens or Permanent Residents

## Qualifications

### Secondary Study:

Secondary School(s) attended:

Highest Secondary Qualification obtained:

### Tertiary Study:

Tertiary institute(s) attended:

Completed tertiary qualifications (where applicable):

### Current programme of study:

E.g. what degree, major, minor:

### At what stage of your study will you be in 2026?

E.g. 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year:

### What area of Horizons' work does your study relate to?

Resource Management

Environmental Planning

Environmental Engineering and Modelling with particular emphasis on river and drainage basin dynamics



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## Iwi/Hapū Connection

**If you have an iwi/hapū connection to the region, please describe that connection here:**

## Employment History /Work Experience

Please complete fully, starting with your most recent employer. This includes both paid employment and voluntary work/work experience.

Employer:

Position Held:

Dates of Employment:

Key Duties:

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## Referees

Please supply the names of two people who we can contact who will be able to comment on your suitability to receive the bursary, such as a recent employer, teacher, tutor or lecturer. Ensure that you include at least one teacher / lecturer in your referees.

By signing this application form, you are giving permission for Horizons to seek verbal or written information about you from the referees nominated below and authorising the information to be released to those involved in the selection process. Please note that referee reports will remain confidential to Horizons and will not normally be made available to you.

Name of referee:

Organisation:

Position held:

Relationship to you:

Daytime contact number(s):

Email address:

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Name of referee:

Organisation:

Position held:

Relationship to you:

Daytime contact number(s):

Email address:



## Declaration

(please tick)

- I understand that personal information provided with this application will be used only for the purpose of assessing my application.
- I agree that my name and details of my study may be publicised if awarded a bursary.
- I understand, and agree to, the bursary conditions as stated on this application form.
- I confirm that all information provided with my application is true and correct.

Signed:

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## Have you attached:

(please tick)

- verified copies of your most recent academic records / transcripts?
- your 300-word essay?
- your CV (optional)?

If you have any questions about the bursary or application form, please contact us on freephone 0508 800 800 or email [help@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:help@horizons.govt.nz).

Please send your application and relevant attachments by email to:

[peopleandcapabilityteam@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:peopleandcapabilityteam@horizons.govt.nz)

Or post to:

**Don Linklater Memorial Bursary Application**  
**Horizons Regional Council**  
**Private Bag 11025**  
**Manawatū Mail Centre**  
**Palmerston North 4442**

Or deliver to our office at 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.



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