Thrifty Scholarship in Tourism

BACKGROUND

Thrifty car rental New Zealand is proud of the partnership it has with Waikato University and the scholarship programme.

Thrifty have been a supplier partner with Waikato University for five years and in that time have donated funds to the scholarship programme to assist the talented individuals to continue and extend their areas of study and research.

Thrifty also extend discounted rates to staff, alumni and students as an extension of the negotiated corporate rate plan (thrifty.co.nz).

REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility

1.1. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship applicants must be enrolled part- or full-time in an Honours degree with a focus on / relevance to Tourism at the University of Waikato.

1.2. Preference may be given to students who express an interest in doing a research paper that benefits the car rental industry or the tourism transport sector. This is not, however, a prerequisite for application.

2. Value

2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $5,000 and will be paid as a cash award.

3. Applications

3.1. The closing date for applications is 18 May 2016.

3.2. Applicants must include with the application:

   a) a (maximum three page) personal statement outlining; their commitment to and interest in the tourism industry, past experiences that have influenced their choice of qualification, future study and/or employment plans, community involvement, and any other information relevant to their application;

   b) a curriculum vitae of no longer than two A4 pages; and,

   c) two references (one must be an academic reference).

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. In selecting the successful applicant for the Scholarship, the Selection Panel will give preference to applicants who have demonstrated high levels of enthusiasm for their
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students and academic ability. Consideration may also be given to applicants' community involvement and financial need.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise a representative from Thrifty Car Rentals (Chairperson), two senior academics involved in the Tourism sector, and a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee, or their nominees.

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Thrifty Scholarship in Tourism in writing and must advise the University's Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the date stipulated on the acceptance form. If a candidate fails to accept the award within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.

6.2. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered, and will have a maximum tenure of one year.

6.3. The Scholarship will normally be paid as a lump sum to the successful applicant. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to defray course-related expenses.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Thrifty Scholarship in Tourism may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2. Recipients must write a one-page report summarising their achievements in the year of tenure which will be forwarded by the Scholarships Office to Thrifty car rental New Zealand.

7.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged in conjunction with the University of Waikato.

7.4. Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.

7.5. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.