



NEW HORIZONS FOR WOMEN
TRUST (INC.)
HE ARA WHAKAPIKI WĀHINE

PEG HUTCHISON OPPORTUNITY AWARD 2011

The Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award was offered for the first time in 2010 by the New Horizons for Women Trust as a consequence of a generous bequest by Peg Hutchison, founding member, and long time Treasurer of the New Horizons for Women Trust.

This award is granted to a New Zealand resident woman who is changing direction in her career, and intends working in a field where women are under-represented and/or is non-traditional for women.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a New Zealand citizen, and a woman who is resident in New Zealand, who is enrolled in an academic course or trade apprenticeship where women are under-represented or which is non-traditional for women.

Selection of winners

Award winners will be selected by a panel from all eligible applications received. Short listing will be done on the basis of a combination of the applicant's level of need, choice of career, personal qualities and circumstances, and likelihood of succeeding in their chosen field of endeavour.

Information is also required to show that the field of study is non-traditional for women, and how this opportunity award will be used.

The decision of the selection panel is final and no communication may be made with the panel. If no applications meet the criteria in any given year, no award will be made.

Application requirements

1 A completed two-page application form for the current year.

Complete all sections of the form.

2 Evidence of acceptance in an NZQA-accredited educational or training course, or apprenticeship, in the year in which you are applying. This could be a receipt for payment of the current year's fees or a copy of the current year's letter of acceptance from the educational institution, or a letter from the employing tradesperson with whom you are apprenticed.

3 A short, relevant CV - no more than one page.

4 Two recent written references. One should be a personal reference testifying to your character, your strengths and your current circumstances. The other should discuss your academic ability, any recent results and the likelihood of your completing the qualification for which you are studying. **Telephone numbers must be supplied for each referee. The references are an essential part of your application.**

Please include requested material only. Other information will not be looked at.

Important application information

Applications close on Tuesday 31 May 2011. Please ensure your application is posted in time to reach the NHWT by this date. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications must be sent to the NHWT in hard copy only. Applications will not be accepted by e-mail.

Please provide only the information requested. Other information provided will not be considered as part of the selection process.

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email. You will only receive acknowledgment that your application has been received if you provide a correct email address.

Post to:

The Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award
New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc.)
P O Box 12 498
WELLINGTON 6144

Notification

Because of the number of applications received each year, the Trust is not able to acknowledge the receipt of applications unless an email address is provided.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by the end of July.

Application material will not be returned at the end of the selection process, but all material will be deleted or shredded in an appropriate manner to maintain confidentiality.

Requirements of winners

Awardees will be asked to:

- Attend an award ceremony (usually held in September)
- Provide a brief progress report to the NHWT every six months
- Provide a short written report to the NHWT (and if relevant, to their award sponsors) upon completion of their study
- Participate in publicity about their award (such as providing photos and information for the media or attending NHWT events)
- Provide the NHWT with up-to-date contact details throughout their study.

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(Complete ALL sections of both pages)**

NAME in full			
(First names)		(Family name)	
POSTAL ADDRESS in full		PHONE - day contact:	
		Evening contact:	
EMAIL ADDRESS (Please write very clearly)			
Date of Birth			
Ethnicity		Place of Birth	
A. EDUCATION / TRAINING			
Include secondary school(s) attended and courses taken /qualifications gained since you left school.			
Institution and course	Date of study (from/to)	Qualifications	Date received
B. For what qualification(s) are you studying or intending to study? Please state NZQA level (include name of institution/organisation with evidence of acceptance), or if an apprenticeship please describe			
C. in what way is this study or apprenticeship non-traditional for women?			
D. How do you intend to use this award?			
E. Have you any sources of income/funding that will assist you to fund your course? (e.g. Work and Income benefit or allowance; student loan; partner; paid employment; other scholarship/grant)			
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Applications will not be accepted if submitted electronically.