

Clark Fletcher Memorial Citrus Bursary Information for Applicants

The Clark Fletcher Memorial Citrus Bursary is an award of up to \$5,000 per annum that is granted to either a tertiary student who has a specific interest in the citrus industry, or an applicant who is involved in research that is likely to contribute to the New Zealand citrus industry. Applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee of New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated (NZCGI), with a strong preference given to projects that are aligned with NZCGI's research goals.

Criteria for Application

The Clark Fletcher Memorial Citrus Bursary will either:

1. take the form of an education bursary available to a student studying at a New Zealand tertiary institution for a diploma, degree, or post-graduate qualification in applied science who has a specific interest in the citrus industry; or
2. provide funds to assist any suitable applicant involved in a research project that is likely to make a contribution to the New Zealand citrus industry. Projects of particular interest to the citrus industry include:
 - integrated pest management,
 - fruit size, internal and external quality and yield characteristics
 - crop nutrition, irrigation, and post-harvest handling

Origin

In 1977 the citrus and exotics fruit growing industry lost two forward-thinking gentlemen: Bruce Clark, General Manager of the Citrus Marketing Authority (which ceased operations in November 1980), and Bill Fletcher, a leading authority on citrus and exotics fruit culture with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Both died while driving to the 1977 New Zealand Citrus and Subtropical Council Annual Conference. These two men were deeply involved in developing the citrus sector, and in nurturing and guiding the industry through its formative years. Today the memory of these pioneers lives on in the Clark Fletcher Memorial Citrus Bursary, an award that aims to promote the industry to which Bruce and Bill devoted so much time and effort.

Conditions

To apply for this bursary, you must either be a NZ citizen or NZ permanent resident. Proof of this may be requested from the successful applicant before the bursary is awarded.

The award of the Bursary may be withheld in any year in which the Committee considers that there is no suitable applicant. The decision of the NZCGI Executive Committee will be final.

Closing Date

Applications close on the 30th of November.

How to apply

There is no application form, but your application must include the following

- Covering letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Contact details (name, postal and email addresses, phone number)
- Secondary and tertiary institutions attended and grades / qualifications earned,
- Academic transcript and proof of enrolment at the tertiary institution,
- Current courses, future career and / or research intentions,
- Supporting essay (further details below)
- any other material to support your application (details of previous awards, scholarships, or work experience etc)
- two character references

Supporting essay

Your application must include a supporting essay (maximum length - one A4 page). As there will be a number of students applying for this bursary, you need to make a strong case to the NZCGI Executive Committee around why you should be successful. The essay should include:

- evidence of interest in the citrus industry
- the future contribution you intend to make to the New Zealand citrus industry
- how the funds would aid in your studies / research
- how you would use the funds should you be the successful applicant (eg living expenses, travel, study costs, etc)

Declaration

By applying for this bursary, you consent to all information provided in your application being disclosed to the NZCGI Executive Committee and NZCGI staff for the purpose of assessing your application for this bursary.

Should you be awarded the bursary, you must consent to the publication of your name, photograph and details of your studies in Citrus News. NZCGI will also ask you to provide regular updates of your studies and career progress.

Please read this information carefully and make sure you understand and agree to abide the requirements as outlined in this document before applying for this bursary. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all the information requested.

Email your application to

Nikki Johnson, Executive Manager info@citrus.co.nz

If you have any queries, please email NZCGI or phone (04) 917 7163. Electronic submissions are preferred.