

NGO Social Work Study Awards - 2011

The next application round for the NGO Social Work Study Awards opened on Monday 28 June 2010 and will close on Friday 15 October 2010 - a minimum of 65 new study awards will be available commencing in the 2011 academic year.

- Applicants should be to be practicing Social Workers/Whanau Workers who are paid employees / kaimahi of NGO's and be enrolled in or intending to enrol in a social work course that is recognised by the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB).
- NGO's are likely to provide a range of social services and be community organisations that have become incorporated societies, or that have charitable status.

About The Awards

Each study award has a maximum possible value of \$32,750:

- Students / taura can receive help with their course fees of up to \$3,500 per year and up to \$10,500 in total over the duration of the award.
- Employers can receive a contribution to help support their student / taura in study of up to \$4,500 per year and up to \$13,500 over the duration of the award. This can be used to help with a range of study-related expenses, including backfilling the employee's position while they are studying.
- Employers can also receive a contribution to help with the cost of backfilling their employee / kaimahi while they are on their final three month external placement of up to \$8,750.

Application Process

Application is a joint process between an NGO employee / kaimahi and their employer. There is a standard application form to complete and it is recommended that employees / kaimahi and their employers complete the application together. Complete and well-presented information is likely to assist in the selection process.

Selection Process

All applications will be considered on a national basis on their individual merits. Selection will be based on the completed standard application form and any supporting documentation provided. Through the selection criteria weighting will be given to:

- organisations with government contracts for services which are delivering early intervention or preventative social work services to vulnerable children / tamariki and families / whanau;
- employees / kaimahi who have previously studied and / or who are currently studying at a tertiary level;
- employees / kaimahi who are employed on a full time basis (ideally 20 hours or more per week).

Pre-Application Workshops / Hui

A series of pre-application workshops / hui will be held in during September / October 2010.

These workshops / hui will explain more fully the information available contained in the Applicant's Booklet, and on our website. These workshops / hui also provide an opportunity to have any questions answered. 6 workshops have already been held, with those remaining as follows:

Region	Detail	Venue
Manawatu – Palmerston North	Tuesday 31 August 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	Salvation Army, 431 Church St. Palmerston North.
Wellington - Porirua	Thursday 2 September 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	TWOA Campus, Room TRN2 (Report to reception) 3/5 Heroit Dr. Porirua.
Canterbury - Christchurch	Thursday 9 September 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	Stepping Stone Trust, 126 Lincoln Rd. Spreydon, Christchurch.
Marlborough - Nelson	Friday 10 September 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	Primary Health Organisation, 20 New St. Nelson.
Otago - Dunedin	Wednesday 15 September 2010 1.00pm to 3.30 pm	Barnardos, 392 Hillside Rd, South Dunedin, Dunedin.
Southland - Invercargill	Thursday 16 September 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	Family Works, 183 Spey St. Invercargill.
Hawkes Bay - Napier	Monday 27 September 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	Family Works, 106 Lyndon Rd. Hastings.
Auckland - Mangere	Friday 1 October 2010 10.30am to 1.00pm	TWOA Campus, 15 Canning Cres, Mangere, Auckland.

If you have any questions about these workshop / hui please call free phone 0508 346 376 in the first instance.

More Information

These awards are administered by Family and Community Services (FACS), a service line of the Ministry of Social Development. More information about these study awards is available on our website <http://www.familyservices.govt.nz/working-with-us/programmes-services/connected-services/ngo-social-work-awards.html>, or by calling our free phone 0508 346 376.

Information booklets and the standard application forms are available:

- Through attending one of the Pre-application Workshops / hui (see above).
- From individual Schools of Social Work (i.e. Universities, Polytechnics, Wananga, etc)
- From the Family and Community Services website (see above)
- By calling free phone 0508 346 376