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### **MTLT offers new apprentice scholarships**

A new scholarship scheme announced this week will support apprentices employed by tenants of Masterton Trust Lands Trust (MTLT) property.

As part of the trust's wider educational grants programme, six scholarships of up to \$1,000 each will be awarded each year to assist apprentices with industry training fees.

This year the trust expects to contribute \$350,000 to Masterton educational initiatives in the tertiary, secondary, primary and early childhood sectors.

MTLT Education Committee chair, Christine Brewster, said the scholarships aimed to encourage and support apprentices to achieve their career aspirations.

"Providing opportunities for young people to learn a trade close to home contributes towards our local economy by meeting the high demand for trades people.

"The scholarships also recognise the support our tenants make to employing local people in apprentice training, and their contribution to the community through the lease of community-owned property."

While scholarship applications are open to all apprentices employed by a MTLT tenant, preference will be given to those who currently reside or have been educated within the MTLT district of urban Masterton.

Applications for the first scholarships close on 15 July 2018. Applicants cannot be eligible to receive any Government 'free fees' funding in the year the scholarship is applied for.

Further information about the scholarships and an application form can be found at [www.mtl.org.nz/grants/scholarships](http://www.mtl.org.nz/grants/scholarships)

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