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Scholarships awarded to local apprentices

The training and career plans of three local apprentices have been given a boost after being awarded Masterton Trust Lands Trust (MTLT) Tenant Apprentice Scholarships recently.

The scholarships are available to apprentices working for tenants of MTLT to assist them with industry training fees. Worth up to \$1000 each, the scholarships are part of the Trust's education grants programme.

The recipients of the latest round of scholarships work for local businesses in the flooring and automotive engineering industries. The scholarship recipients are: Wayne Bowater (TRC Toyota), Ben Delegat (Carpet Court) and Brady Thomson (Motorworks Mechanical and Electrical).

Recipient Ben Delegat is in the first year of a three-year carpet and flooring installation apprenticeship. Mr Delegat said he was "surprised and really happy" when he heard he had been awarded a scholarship.

"The scholarship will be a huge help towards my training fees and buying the tools I need for my job," he said.

Mr Delegat said he "couldn't be more thankful" to MTLT for their support.

"It's really good to have a local organisation helping us young fellas to get started on our careers. The scholarship will give me extra motivation, knowing there are people behind me who are supporting me to succeed."

Mr Delegat said that while flooring installation was often hard work, there was a lot of satisfaction from seeing a job when it was finished and the customer's reaction to it.

"It's good to see people happy with what you have done."

Carpet Court Manager Phil Clark said the scholarships were "a great idea" and important to have available to local young people.

"It's not always easy for young people to find employment and negotiate their way through starting work and doing training. Having support like this from the local community is really encouraging for them."

Applications for the next round of Tenant Apprentice Scholarships close in February. For more information about the scholarships visit: <https://mtlt.org.nz/grants/scholarships>.

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