



LANDSAR NZ SCHOLARSHIPS

Description:

The Board of LandSAR NZ has decided that it will make funds available to assist those of its members who want to travel internationally to attend a conference and/or training course in order to further their knowledge of Search and Rescue.

The grant will be known as the LandSAR NZ Scholarship. Up to two such scholarships may be awarded in any one financial year. The maximum value of any such scholarship awarded will be \$5,000 (NZD). Any such scholarships awarded by LandSAR must be taken within the same financial year, i.e. by 31 March.

LandSAR Scholarships will be awarded by the Board of LandSAR New Zealand on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

Criteria:

- The Scholarships are open to any member of a recognised LandSAR NZ Group within New Zealand.
- No paid employee of LandSAR NZ is eligible to apply.
- Any Police Officer who is a member of a recognised LandSAR NZ Group as a volunteer is eligible to apply.
- Any LandSAR member applying must have been a member of their LandSAR Group for a minimum of five years.
- The scholarship will cover travel, accommodation, registration and any other expenses directly related to attending an international conference and/or training event.
- The maximum value of a LandSAR NZ Scholarship is \$5,000 (NZD).

- Preference will be given to attending conferences / training courses in countries that are most similar in their search and rescue model and practices to New Zealand; such as North America, Canada and England. However, other countries will be given consideration.
- Recipients of a LandSAR Scholarship will be required to share the knowledge they have gained with the rest of the LandSAR NZ community. They must submit a written report within 3 months of their return to New Zealand detailing the knowledge, skills and experience gained to the Board of LandSAR NZ. In addition, they will be either required to present a paper at the next LandSAR NZ Conference or develop an appropriate training programme.
- All monies must be accounted for.

Applications:

Applications will open on 1 April in any year and will close on 31 May of the same year. Applicants will be advised if their application has been successful or not by 30 June of the year of application.

Applicants must be submitted on the form provided by LandSAR NZ by email to admin@landsar.org.nz and by no later than 31 May each year.

The LandSAR NZ Awards Committee will then assess the applications and recommend those applications with merit for consideration and ratification by the Board of LandSAR NZ. A maximum of two scholarships will be awarded in one financial year.

The names of the successful applicants and the event(s) they will be attending will be advised to the LandSAR NZ membership by being published in the CE's newsletter, as well as on the members' section of the LandSAR NZ web site.