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RECIPIENTS RECOMMEND SCHOLARSHIP
2011 Rotorua Trust JWW Lepper Memorial Scholarship
for Apprentices Open

Two recent recipients of the Rotorua Trust JWW Lepper Memorial Scholarship for Apprentices thoroughly recommend applying for the annual award.

Rhys Calcutt recently completed his mechanical engineering apprenticeship with Rotorua Mitsubishi said being awarded the scholarship really helped him out a lot. "The scholarship covered all my fees for my advanced training. I certainly would not have been able to pay all my fees as quickly as I did if I hadn't been awarded this scholarship," he said.

Mr Calcutt is currently completing his Atech advanced technician level five mechanical engineering training. "It wasn't difficult to apply for the scholarship. My MITO (motor industry training organisation) rep gave me the details and I found the rest of the information, including the application form, on the Trust's website. The Trust's interview process was good and I really enjoyed the award ceremony," he said.

Daniel Dufty, who has a couple of months left of his carpentry apprenticeship with Pope Homes said the award went towards buying new tools. "I definitely recommend applying for the scholarship. My mum told me about it because one of the apprentices she works with had been awarded a scholarship the previous year plus other builders encouraged me to do it. I would do it again," he said.

More than \$50,000 has been awarded in scholarships to local apprentices since the JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarships were introduced in 2004.

Rotorua Trust education spokesperson, Lyall Thurston said the scholarships were named in honour of the Trust's first chairman, the late Johnny Lepper. "Johnny was passionate about the Trust and his deep feeling and understanding for all people in the Rotorua District was legendary. Trustees at the time felt it only fitting that Johnny's enormous contribution to our local community be honoured with an award benefiting young people who had the initiative, attitude and motivation to succeed in their chosen profession or trade - and that sentiment remains today," he said.

Mr Thurston said apprentices, both male and female, from a wide range of professions and trades have benefitted from the scholarships since they were first launched. "Trustees would like to see even more applications from local apprentices this year."

Recipients of the .JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship receive \$1,000 each. Full details and application forms can be found on the Trust's website www.rotoruatrust.org.nz Applications close at 5 pm on Friday, 18 November 2011.

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