



Young Adults Scholarship Scheme

2011 Awards and Selection Criteria

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The FMC Executive wants to raise the Federation's profile with New Zealand's youth (those under 30 years of age). It is also keen to promote tramping as an enjoyable experience for young people, and to explore ways of assisting clubs to attract younger members. Executive members Jane Dudley and Dennis Page have been developing these objectives, and after consultation with member clubs, are pleased to announce the creation of a young adults scholarship scheme commencing in 2011:

- Five \$300 grants to contribute towards or cover costs of outdoor skills acquisition and training for young adults, including hire of an instructor for a club course or for an individual to partake in an instructor-training course.
- One \$1,000 grant to contribute towards a club-sanctioned, multi-day expedition led by a person under 30 years within mainland New Zealand or its offshore islands.

Generous funding from the FMC Mountain and Forest Trust made the scheme possible. Commencing in June 2011, the scheme will be trialled for an initial period of three years. If successful (and subject to further funding) the scheme will continue indefinitely, with modifications according to users' feedback.

Closing will be the first Friday in April of each year. Winners will be announced at the FMC's AGM in June and also contacted individually. Winners will have up to one year after receipt in which to spend their grant.

Benefits of the Scholarship Scheme:

- * Raising the profile of FMC and member clubs among young people in general.
- * Providing a financial benefit to young people through their involvement with FMC's member clubs.
- * Increasing leadership skills and the engagement of young people belonging to member clubs.
- * Increasing the safety awareness, bush-craft and mountaineering skills of young people in member clubs and giving them confidence to facilitate club activities.
- * Long trips are often highlights of club activity because they open up areas of the back-country that are not possible on weekend trips. In addition, longer trips better help reinforce qualities such as teamwork and self-reliance: key components of a healthy club culture. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some clubs members are not necessarily engaging in such trips any more or as frequently as in the past. Financial incentive may prompt younger people to lead more challenging trips.
- * Participants of the 2007 FMC University Clubs and the 2010 Youth and Young Adults Forums suggested awards were a desirable way for FMC to support young members.

Application Forms and Selection Criteria

Selection criteria are listed below. The application form is also available on this site for downloading, printing, completion and sending back to FMC. Applications must be received by FMC (PO Box 1604, Wellington 6140) no later than 5 pm on Friday, 1 April 2011.

- (i) Applicants must be under the age of 30 on the day of the closing date.
- (ii) The applicant must have been a financial member of a tramping, mountaineering or similar club affiliated with FMC for at least one year prior to submitting the application.
- (iii) The grant is to be used within one year of its receipt and the club/recipient is to confirm to FMC that the course was undertaken. In addition, they must be prepared to participate in any FMC publicity of the scholarship. If these two points are not adhered with, the grant must be repaid to FMC, in full, immediately upon request.
- (iv) The application must be supported by a written endorsement from the supporting club's executive (e.g. General Committee, Chief Guide or President) and the endorsement should provide evidence of commitment to the club by the applicant (e.g. previous evidence of participation and leadership) and how attending the course or partaking in the expedition will be of benefit to both the applicant and the club (e.g. nurturing future leadership and equipping them with suitable skills). Clubs are especially encouraged to support those participants where financial hardship or other extreme factors may otherwise contribute towards their non-participation in such activities.
- (v) Previous winners of a given category of scholarship will not be eligible to reapply for the same scholarship in subsequent years.
- (vi) Both scholarships can be held with other external awards.

1. SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP

Grants to contribute towards or cover costs of outdoor skills acquisition and training for youth, including hire of an instructor for a club course or for an individual to partake in an instructor-training course.

- * The course under consideration may either be an internally run club course, or an external one provided by an approved provider (Mountain Safety Council, Outdoor Pursuits Centre, or other NZQA recognised outdoors institute). Suitable course topics may include one or some of the following: Bushcraft, Navigation, Introductory or Advanced Alpine/Snow Skills (including Avalanche Awareness), Leadership or similar. In addition to covering enrolment fees, the grant may also be used to cover the costs of travel associated with attending these courses. They may also be used by a university, polytechnic or high school club to hire an instructor for the purposes of group training, or to send an individual on an instructor-training course for the purposes of passing that knowledge on to that club's wider membership.
- * The maximum amount of the grant will be \$300 or the total cost of the course or instructor hire, whichever is the lesser.

- * A club may only receive one grant of this type per year but may also hold it in conjunction with the Expedition Grant. However, a single recipient within the club may not hold both types of scholarship in any one year.

2. EXPEDITION SCHOLARSHIP

A grant to cover a multiday expedition within mainland New Zealand or its offshore islands:

- * The multi-day expedition must be a minimum of five nights duration, be within the conservation estate of mainland New Zealand or its offshore islands, and it must be a club-sanctioned trip. The participants can comprise members of any age group. However, the leader of the expedition must meet the criteria in point (i).
- * The maximum amount of the grant will be \$1,000 and can be used to contribute towards travel costs of the participants to and from their destination, or to purchase food, accommodation (hut fees, campsite fees, plus back-packer type accommodation prior to or post trip), or the hire of mountain radios, PLBs, or transceivers. The grant is not to be used for the purchase of individual gear.
- * A club may receive this scholarship in conjunction with a skills or training grant. However, a single recipient may not hold both types of scholarship in any one year.
- * The recipient must also be prepared to participate in any FMC publicity of the scholarship, including articles for the *FMC Bulletin* or other outdoors related publications (e.g. *NZ Wilderness*), and by being prepared to give talks on the journey to other local clubs where practicable. If these two points are not adhered with, the grant must be repaid to FMC, in full, immediately upon request.