



BEAR PARK EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

DESCRIPTION

Bear Park is an early childhood education centre inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy. Established in 1986 and now with multiple sites across Auckland and Dunedin. We are dedicated to providing the best innovative education and care for young children and are committed to ongoing professional development for all Early Childhood Educators.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. This Scholarship was established in 2020 to assist ECE students in their final year of study and to establish an employment relationship with Bear Park following graduation.
2. The Scholarship is to the value of 50% of the recipient's tuition fees in their final year, up to a maximum of \$3000.
3. Applicants must be entering their final year of study as a full-time student in either a Bachelor's Degree or a Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education.
4. If the recipient discontinues full-time study during the term of the Scholarship, the Scholarship will be relinquished and the recipient must pay back the full value of the money awarded to them.
5. Recipients will enter into a bond agreement with Bear Park to complete a minimum one year of full-time employment as an Early Childhood Educator, commencing within 3 months of their graduation.

SELECTION PROCESS

6. A Scholarship Application Form must be completed in full and received by the closing date to be eligible for selection. Applications will be accepted up to 3 months before the closing date.
7. Students must display a sound knowledge of good teaching practices and initiative for furthering their professional skills, as demonstrated by their academic achievement, recommendations from academic and professional leaders and information supplied on their application form.
8. Selected students shall participate in a face-to-face interview with a member of the Bear Park leadership team before a decision is made to award the Scholarship.
9. Award of the Scholarship is conditional on the completion of a satisfactory Bear Park Application for Employment Form and Risk Assessment for Children's Workers, including police vetting service.
10. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Directors of Bear Park, and in consideration of the advice received from programme, academic and professional leaders.
11. The Directors of Bear Park are not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

REGULATIONS

12. The offer of the Scholarship and the employment bond agreement must be accepted by the date specified in the offer letter. If the recipient does not return the signed agreement documents by the specified date, the offer will lapse and the Directors of Bear Park may offer the Scholarship to another student.
13. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit in two instalments: one in the first semester and one in the second semester.
14. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship or award, provided this is not considered by the Directors of Bear Park to constitute a conflict of interest.

For any questions regarding this scholarship or information about Bear Park, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 09 520 4060 or email recruitment@bearpark.co.nz.

Completed applications can be sent via email to recruitment@bearpark.co.nz, by post to Bear Park Limited, PO Box 99696, Newmarket, Auckland 1149; or by courier to 15 Dilworth Ave, Remuera, Auckland 1050.



BEAR PARK EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Introduction

Thank you for applying for the Bear Park ECE Scholarship. The information you provide in this Application Form will be used to help us assess your suitability. You should ensure that all requested information is provided in full and is entirely accurate. **The closing date for applications is 10 January.**

Your university academic record, curriculum vitae and any supporting information should be provided with this Application Form to assist with the selection process. References from academic and professional leaders should be sent to us directly by the referees – please note that reports sent from the applicant will not be accepted. All information you give us will be treated confidentially. If your application is successful, the information in this form will become part of Bear Park's personnel records.

Tertiary Institution	<input type="text"/>
Student ID Number	<input type="text"/>
NZ Resident or Visa status	<input type="text"/>

Personal Details

Preferred Title	Mr / Miss / Mrs / Ms / Other		
Surname	<input type="text"/>		
First Name(s)	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Landline	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Academic Information

Qualification enrolled in	<input type="text"/>		
Date commencing final year of study	<input type="text"/>	Full or Part time	<input type="text"/>
Previous qualifications	<input type="text"/>		

Please write a brief description of your educational background, including any noteworthy achievements, and your educational plans and interests

Please provide the details of one academic leader (eg. lecturer) and one professional leader (eg. associate teacher or supervisor from employment, volunteering or practicum) who can provide a reference for you. Please ask them to complete the attached report and forward it directly to Bear Park before the closing date.

1)

Name	<input type="text"/>	Position Title	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text"/>	Contact Details	<input type="text"/>

2)

Name	<input type="text"/>	Position Title	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text"/>	Contact Details	<input type="text"/>

Work & Community Involvement

Please outline your work history (including any current jobs) involving children and/or education

Please specify your employer, positions held, length of employment and approximate hours worked.

Please outline any community involvement you have had involving children and/or education

Personal Statement & Declaration

Please describe how the Bear Park ECE Scholarship would assist you and why you are a good candidate

I consent to:

- the disclosure of personal information I have provided on this form and in the attached documents, to Bear Park and staff within the University for the purpose of assessing my application for a scholarship;
- the Directors of Bear Park and the University Scholarships Office obtaining any personal information about me which is required for the purpose of this application;
- publication of my name and details of any scholarship which I am awarded.

I have read and understand the guidelines for the Bear Park Early Childhood Education Scholarship for which I am applying and agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Scholarship Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other supporting documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One academic and one professional leader who you have asked to send a referee report directly to Bear Park | |

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Referee's Name

Referee's Position

Applicant's Name

In assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant, please comment under the following headings:

Academic or professional merit of the applicant

Demonstrated teaching practice

Initiative for furthering professional skills and/or community interests

General comments which may assist in selection

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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