

PAGE/ACORN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND



Pat Page established the Page/Acorn Engineering scholarships in 2008, in memory of her husband Bob. Robert (Bob) Page was a marine engineer spending many years at sea working his way up through the ranks, but when he planted his sea legs firmly on land, he became the co-founder of Page & Macrae Engineering, in 1953.

He was a highly respected businessman who was responsible for a variety of projects in the Bay of Plenty, including the Ruahihi Power Station and the giant tanks at the Port.

Bob Page was ‘one of life’s true gentlemen’ with a heart to help young people get a start in life. He was passionate about seeing young people succeed. Bob took on many apprentices and was keen to support the apprenticeship training scheme.

At the time Pat Page set up the Page/Acorn scholarships she said: *“For many years my husband Bob was on the apprenticeship board. One day he came home, not his usual self but a very saddened man. I poured him a whisky and asked what was wrong. He told me that the apprenticeship scheme had come to an end, which I believe was a government move. Then Bob said “The tragedy is that in a few years’ time there will be a dreadful shortage of builders, plumbers, electricians, fitters and turners, engineers and many other trades people, who have had the luxury of an apprenticeship.”*

Bob had a dream which we have now made happen with the guidance and considerable support I have received from John Donald and Bill Holland (my Trustees) and the Acorn Foundation. It gives me great pleasure to bring Bob’s dream to life, in being able to present these scholarships to assist the successful candidates in their chosen careers.

To all of you – live your dream – take the hard knocks (and they will happen) – work hard – be proud of yourselves and always look ahead. You will succeed.

You are Kiwis and New Zealand needs you, now as never before.”

REGULATIONS

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Page/Acorn Engineering Scholarship.
2. The scholarship will be awarded annually to apprentices who have been employed for approximately 6-12 months with designated engineering firms in the Bay of Plenty.
3. The scholarship shall have a value of \$7500 per apprentice, paid as follows:

	Paid to Company	Paid to Individual
Year 1 of Scholarship:	\$2500 (for training & tools*)	\$1500 (for equipment/tools)
Year 2 of Scholarship:	\$2000	\$1500
TOTAL for new apprentice scholarship	\$4500 paid to company	\$3000 paid to individual

* It is expected that the company will use this payment towards the purchase of books, tools and payment of course fees.

4. Applications for scholarships must be received by the Acorn Foundation on the prescribed form by 31 March 2022.
5. The Scholarship shall be awarded each year by the Acorn Foundation, on the recommendation of the engineering firms and Competenz.
6. The Acorn Foundation may refrain from making a scholarship available in any one year, if it finds no candidate of suitable merit.
7. The Acorn Foundation may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.
8. The Acorn Foundation may vary these regulations, from time to time.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Between approximately 6 and 40 months (at the point of scholarship application):

- At company level, the apprentice should display behaviours that are considered elevated above the normal expectations.
- Competenz will monitor the apprentice's progress to successful completion of their apprenticeship in a 40 month period. During this time it will be expected that the apprentice achieves an 'on-time, on target' status or above at all times. Exceptions to this are listed below.
- The apprentice continues employment with the firm through which the scholarship was awarded, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Exceptional circumstances will only include:

- The apprentice being involved in accidents, injuries or illness that may prevent progression.
- Timing of critical company contracts that may result in the apprentice being unable to attend Block courses.
- Availability of Block courses by providers.
- Any other circumstances deemed as exceptional by Competenz.

NB: Please retain the above pages for your information.

Page/Acorn Engineering Apprenticeship Scholarship

APPLICATION FORM

This application must be submitted to: **Acorn Foundation**
DX HP40007, TAURANGA 3112
jo@acornfoundation.org.nz

Applications close at: **5.00pm on 31st March 2022**

Enquires can be directed to: **Jolene Wilson**
(07) 579 9839 or
jo@acornfoundation.org.nz

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: _____

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Secondary school you attended for your last year of schooling: _____

Contact Address & Details

Street number & name: _____

Suburb: _____

City & Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

Engineering Firm you are apprenticed to: _____

Date you joined this Firm: _____

Month & year in which you began your apprenticeship: _____

Year in which you intend to complete your apprenticeship: _____

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following to your application form:

- A 3-4 paragraph letter summarising your suitability for this scholarship. This might include your hobbies and interests, your career goals, your family situation.
- Two references (one work-related reference from your engineering firm and one character reference)
- Bank account deposit slip or other bank confirmation of your account number.

CONDITIONS

I understand that:

1. If I am offered and accept a Page/Acorn Engineering Scholarship, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I am still apprenticed to the engineering firm indicated above. In addition, I must have completed all correspondence and workplace assignments to date and ensure that I am performing to the satisfaction of both my employer and Competenz.
2. The Acorn Foundation may terminate this Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the holder is not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.

PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in the attached application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for this Scholarship.

SIGN HERE

Apprentice Signature: _____

Employer Signature: _____

Date: _____