



The Rob Davidson Scholarship



BACKGROUND

Robert (Rob) John Davidson was for over 20 years both the New Zealand Police Leaders' Guild and Police Managers' Guild Trust, legal representative. He out served numerous Guild Presidents, iterations of the Guild and has had a closer and longer relationship with the Guild than most members. But Rob was more than a legal counsel. He was at times a mentor, supplier of sage advice, loyal supporter of the Guild, and friend of many. Often in Rob's commentary the words *us and we* resounded with passion, *not you or the Guild should*. It was clear that Rob had an affinity with the Guild that went beyond a work relationship. Nearly every conference Rob was there, joining in the conversation and offering support and advice. Always present with a larger than life personality that echoed genuine friendship and care. Rob's sharing and genuine interest was not reserved for the Guild. He was involved in and held in high esteem and with great admiration, by a number of community groups in Christchurch. Rob himself had an interesting work life. At various times being a locomotive driver, a union rep and studying to become a lawyer in adult life (against hard odds at times). His love of motorcycles was always a talking point. He held a deep belief in people getting a second chance and their reintegration into society. The Guild Executive and Trustees wanted to acknowledge Rob's contribution and camaraderie to the Guild, its members and the community in a meaningful and fitting way. A way that aligned with his philosophy on life and community.

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It is against this backdrop that in 2021, The Police Managers' Guild Trust supported by members of the New Zealand Police Leaders' Guild established THE ROB DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP.

What is the Scholarship

The Scholarship is advertised in August and awarded in October every year. The Scholarship runs from the start of the calendar year following its award.

There are 2 scholarships available. Both scholarships are for \$3000.

Scholarship One: For a youth or adult community member who has had or may have faced challenging life circumstance. Who is undertaking study or taking part in a development program or local social program that is aligned with



Rob's view "that everyone deserves a second chance in life" A wide definition is applied to the qualifying criteria. Presentation to the New Zealand Police Leaders' conference on completion (or during progress) is part of the scholarship criteria.

Scholarship Two: For a Guild member who is working in or studying in a field aligned with the Police ethos of Prevention First and Rob's view "that everyone deserves a second chance in life". **The key focus being on at-risk communities.** A wide definition is applied to the qualifying criteria. Presentation to the New Zealand Police Leaders' conference on completion (or during progress) is part of the scholarship criteria.

Format

Both community and Guild nominations will be called for by notifying Guild members and advertising on associated websites and within the wider Police community partnership during August-September. Confirmation of successful applicants will be made at conference in October of that year for the start of the following calendar year. A panel of 3 persons nominated by the New Zealand Police Leaders' Guild, The Police Managers' Guild Trust and the Davidson family will determine the successful applicant / applicants. The panel may include non-Guild members. The successful award will be announced at conference with **local acknowledgement later.**

Applications

- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted within the timelines set for that year unless the trustees approve
 - Applicants should provide a brief outline of what it is they are undertaking, what they want to achieve and what they have done to date that may be relevant to the application. No more than 2 A4 pages.
 - Applications should state what the grant money will be used for.
 - Applications should contain full name, contact address, email and telephone number of the applicant
 - Applications must be supported by 2 referees attesting to work ethic and any relevant experience.
 - Applicants may be contacted for supporting information or clarification.
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- Applicants may apply for and be granted a scholarship more than once.
- The Police Leaders' Guild Executive in consultation with the Trustees of the Police Managers' Guild may, in considering exceptional or special circumstances, extend the length and value of a scholarship application.
- The panel will consider scholarship applications from a wider sphere of applicants than normally recognized study or community programs.
- Guild members who receive a scholarship may still apply for a development grant through the normal Guild procedure and receive both entitlements.
- Successful community applicants must agree to a Police check. A prior criminal conviction will not bar an applicant from applying. In line with giving everyone a second chance the panel will consider any such application in its totality.
- The successful applicant will be required to sign an expectations agreement.

Applications should be emailed or posted to:

Executive Officer: The Police Leaders' Guild. Secretary: The Police Managers' Guild Trust,
Po Box 4300 Mount Maunganui South, Mount Maunganui, 3149,
Mobile 0221358895
Email: admin@nzplg.org
Websites: Guild: www.nzplg.org Trust: pmgt.org.nz



I _____ an applicant for the Rob Davidson
Scholarship agree:

- That the Police Managers' Guild Trust may carry out a Police Clearance check on me.
- Any decision of the Trust members or scholarship panel members is final
- I will notify the Trust secretary of any developments that will hinder me achieving the scholarship aim I have outlined in my application.
- Any funding may be withdrawn or partially stopped if I fail to maintain the original proposal I submitted in the application.
- Any funding may be withdrawn or partially stopped if the Trust after due consideration find I have behaved unethically or brought the Trust or the Police into disrepute.
- To present any progress or update on my proposal to the Guild Trust or Police Leaders' Guild at their annual conference.
- That the New Zealand Police Leaders' Guild and The New Zealand Police Managers Guild Trust may use my proposal or any outcome for promotional purposes or further research.

Signed:

Applicant:

Date:

Signed:

Trust Witness;

Date:

Signed:

Independent Party:

Date:

Non family/ Non trustee



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