Perrin Ag Consultants Ltd is a farm management consultancy firm based in Rotorua with historical and current involvement with the development and operation of numerous Māori agricultural businesses in the wider Rotorua district. Perrin Ag wishes to offer an annual scholarship of up to $3,000 for a promising individual with whakapapa to one of the Incorporations, Companies or Trusts for whom Perrin Ag supervises farming operations. Perrin Ag wishes to offer a scholarship of up to $3,000 for a promising individual to continue agriculture, horticulture or related science studies at undergraduate, post-graduate diploma or Honours level at either Lincoln, Waikato or Massey Universities.

**Applicable Māori organisations are as follows:**

Kokako Trust

Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands Inc

Ngāti Makino Farm Trust (via Otamarakau Farm Ltd)

Opepe Trust

Ransfield Incorporation

Rotoiti 15 Trust (via Otukawa Whenua Ltd)

Te Karangi A2 Trust

Waiteti Whenua Trust

In order for shareholders or their descendants to be considered for the scholarship, the Māori organisations must have farm properties actively supervised or managed by Perrin Ag for at least one year, including the year of application.

**Eligibility**

To apply, the applicant must

* Satisfactorily prove to be a Shareholder, son, daughter or grandchild of a shareholder of one of the above listed entities
* Be enrolled in your 2nd year or later in an undergraduate degree or enrolled in an Honours degree or post-graduate diploma in the field of agriculture, horticulture or related science studies at either Lincoln, Waikato or Massey Universities
* Provide evidence of course costs for the upcoming academic year
* Complete and return this application form by 30 November.

Award of the scholarship will be based around each applicant’s

* Academic performance
* Passion for the agricultural and horticultural industries
* Personal values and character
* Commitment to Trust/Incorporation or hapu

The successful applicant will have their course fees for undergraduate study up to the value of **$3,000** funded by Perrin Ag for the relevant academic year. Work may be able to be organised by PAC for the successful candidate during holiday or summer breaks.

**SELECTION PANEL**

Eligible applicants will be considered by a selection panel, comprising of two Directors of Perrin Ag Consultants Ltd. The selection panel will make their recommendation to the full Board of Perrin Ag.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

Applications close on the 30th of November. The successful applicant will be announced during the month of December. Scholarship monies will be paid in two instalments, half upon award and the balance on the successful completion of the year’s study.

The successful applicant will be invited to attend an award evening in Rotorua to be held in June.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

* Successful applicants are not eligible for consideration in later years
* The awarding of the scholarship is entirely at the discretion of the Directors of Perrin Ag. No correspondence will be entered into.
* The panel respects the confidential nature of all information provided by applicants

**BACKGROUND TO THE SCHOLARSHIP**

For some thirty years, Perrin Ag Consultants, initially through John Perrin and in more recent years Trudy Laan, Lee Matheson and Duncan Walker, has had an ongoing association with numerous Māori Companies, Incorporations and Trusts involved with the business of farming in the wider Rotorua district. This association, primarily through the development, management and sustainable operation of Māori farm businesses, is continued by Perrin Ag today. Recognising that the education and development of potential leaders is a key priority for these organisations, Perrin Ag were instrumental in the initial development of the Te Arawa Future Farming Trust Cadet Scheme in 2005. Following on from this, the Principals of the company also wanted to honour the trust and support that those businesses continue to show Perrin Ag. As a result, in 2007 Perrin Ag decided to offer a scholarship each year to a promising individual with whakapapa to one of those organisations who wished to commence or continue undergraduate or Honours level study in agricultural or horticultural science at either Lincoln, Waikato or Massey Universities. It is hoped that the provision of this scholarship will contribute to the ongoing success and development of these organisations by helping develop the agricultural managers, leaders, experts and professionals that are needed at all levels to ensure the profitable and sustainable management of their lands.

**Application form**

**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE FILING APPLICATION:**

* Application form completed Please tick [ ]
* Declaration signed Please tick [ ]
* Proof of whakapapa attached Please tick [ ]
* Proof of course enrolment attached Please tick [ ]
* Statement of course fees attached Please tick [ ]

**DECLARATION**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all information provided in the following scholarship application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and factual. I accept that the Selection Panel’s decision is final and that no correspondence with regard to the decision shall be entered into.

I consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by Perrin Ag, of any photographs which have been taken of me in relation to this scholarship by Perrin Ag or their duly authorised photographer.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Closing date 30 November**

Submit your application via email to office@perrinag.net.nz

**Section A – Personal details**

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
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| **Telephone number** |  |
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| **Course enrolled in** |  |
| **Years completed** | [ ]  1 year [ ]  2 years [ ]  3 years |
| **University enrolled at** | [ ]  Lincoln [ ]  Massey [ ]  Waikato |
| **Associated Māori Incorporation or Trust** |  |
| **Proof of /show whakapapa** |  |

Will be subject to independent verification

**Section B – Achievement**

**Academic record and qualifications**

(Please list all academic qualifications, grades achieved and attached relevant academic transcripts)

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**Sporting and cultural achievements**

(Please list all sporting and cultural achievements, including current memberships of applicable associations and any representative attainments, incl school 1st X1 etc)

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**Hobbies and interests**

(Please list current hobbies and interests)

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**Agricultural experience (if any)**

(Please list any agricultural experience you might have, employed or otherwise)

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**Section C - Questions**

Why are you a good candidate to receive this scholarship?

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In your opinion, what are the most important issues New Zealand Agriculture is facing today?

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How will your current studies contribute to your immediate and long-term career plans? (Please include your vision of your immediate and long-term career plans)

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What impact do you see Māori having on Agriculture in New Zealand?

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How do you see yourself promoting Māori involvement in New Zealand Agriculture?

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