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ENERGY TRUST AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2006

Eleven Eastern Bay of Plenty students are the recipients of scholarships totalling \$50,398 awarded by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust at its December meeting, held earlier this week.

The scholarships are for degree and pre-trade tertiary study in energy-related fields, and will cover course fees during the 2006 academic year.

Of the eleven successful applicants, eight are studying for Bachelor of Engineering degrees. Reuben Milne and David McDowall will be in their fourth and final year at the University of Auckland, with Tom Lawrence also in his fourth year at Massey University.

Also at the University of Auckland will be third year students Dominic Klaassen and Craig Petersen, with James McDowall and Varun Kumar in their third year at the University of Waikato. Jonathon Milne will be attending the University of Canterbury as a first year student.

Trust Chairman Mrs Toni Owen said "This is a four year programme that consists of academic and practical training that leads to registration as a professional engineer. This degree enables the graduate to embark on a wide range of career paths such as design, consulting, project development and research in the electricity supply industry."

Three students were awarded scholarships to cover pre-trade course fees. Nilesh Dahyar will be studying for a National Certificate in Electricity Supply at WINTEC. This course has been designed specifically for the electricity supply industry, and is an excellent course to prepare students for apprenticeships in the industry and includes opportunities for valuable work experience.

Troy Jansen and Jonathon Candy will both be undertaking a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering, which includes units on electrical knowledge, safe practices, mathematics and computing. On gaining these qualifications students also have marketable skills to help gain an apprenticeship in the electrical trade.

Mrs Owen stated that the Trustees have made a commitment to encouraging young people into the electricity supply and electrical sectors. Candidates must be from the Eastern Bay of Plenty, the course must be energy related, and the students must be able to demonstrate a high level of motivation and commitment.

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