

Awards and Scholarships

Members and students are invited to apply for one of the NZIF 2004 awards. Please forward all applications to the National Secretariat.

The closing date for the Chavasse (travel award), John Balneaves (travel award), and NZIF Forester of the Year is **8 March 2004**. The closing date for the three NZIF Scholarships [Undergraduate, Frank Hutchinson (post graduate) and the Mary Sutherland (polytechnic)] is **31 March 2004**.

Chavasse (travel award)

Availability: Full, Honorary, or Fellow members interested in travelling overseas (or bringing overseas speakers to NZ).

Procedure: Written applications detailing country, timing, interests, itinerary and budget. Determined by NZIF Awards Committee. Up to \$3,500. Travel to take place prior to 31 March of the following year.

John Balneaves (travel award)

Purpose: To enable people employed in the forestry sector to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forest industry's experience and knowledge. John's career was devoted to carrying out sound scientific and practically based forest research. He gained the respect of field staff through the clear presentation of his findings which have had significant beneficial impact on forest management in New Zealand and the South Island in particular.

Availability: Open to anyone in the forestry sector who is of good integrity, active in plantation research, with 10 years of professional activity ahead of them, in possession of good communication skills, enthusiastic and energetic in their work, and with an interest and ability in establishing relationships.

Procedure: Written applications should be submitted to the Secretariat providing background details, reason for travel, provisional itinerary, additional financial support and the names of two referees. A final decision will be made by a selection panel comprising representatives from NZIF, NZFOA (Forest Owners Association), and Forest Research. The award is up to a maximum of \$5,000 for travel in the year of being awarded. The recipient will be expected to produce a report within 3 months of their return to New Zealand.

Forester of the Year (excellence)

Availability: Open to anyone in forestry sector with 10 years professional experience, integrity, communications skills and enthusiasm.

Procedure: Awarded on the basis of material delivered on any topic within the broad field of forestry using tangible communication techniques. Entries judged on ability to communicate the subject. Name engraved on (ex-forest service) carving and certificate.

Scholarships

As well as the above awards, there are three scholarships available as follows:

NZIF

Availability: Any NZ University

Procedure: Undergraduate application for \$1000

NZIF Frank Hutchinson

Availability: Any NZ University

Procedure: Postgraduate application for \$1000

NZIF Mary Sutherland

Availability: NZ Polytechnic

Procedure: Forest student application for \$1000

NZQA Levels 7 and 8 equate to advanced qualifications of graduate and postgraduate standard respectively. Scholarship selection is based on a three-page submission by each candidate. The criteria for selection are aptitude, personality, community service, financial need, and relevance of the course to the profession of forestry. There are no formal application forms.

The Awards Committee will make their selection in time for the recipients to be announced at National AGM/Conference in Gisborne April 2004.

Please send all applications to:
The Secretariat
NZIF
PO Box 19-840
Christchurch
Or email nzif@paradise.net.nz

CALL FOR PAPERS

NZIF AGM and Conference - Gisborne
18 - 21 April 2004
"Profitable Wood Processing"

Commercial forests are a living part of the industries they support, and continually adapt to the profitability of business. The organising committee invites you to submit a paper exploring an aspect of this relationship. Potential streams are:

- Wood quality, breeding and genetics
- Forest ownership and management
- Harvesting and processing technology
- New product development, branding and quality assurance

To help our planning please give us early advice of your paper. We'll send you back our standard format for electronic publishing.
Contact: H&PMoore@xtra.co.nz