

“Don't Try To Fit In, When You Were Born To Stand Out.”



# The Bryce Jourdain Scholarship

## *Scholarship Criteria*

*The document sets out the criteria, rules and associated expectations for the provision of an Outdoor-focused personal development and self-discovery course for Taranaki Intermediate aged school students.*



## Introduction

Bryce Jourdain was a much loved and respected Husband, Father, friend and Outdoor Instructor at Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre (TOPEC).

Bryce lost his life on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 whilst attempting to save Spotswood College students Stephen Kahukaka-Gedye and Joao Felipe Martins De Melo who were washed into the sea from Paritutu Rock, New Plymouth.

The Outdoors was a place that Bryce was incredibly passionate about. Bryce excelled in providing opportunities for people to grow mentally, socially, push their personal limits and discover new things about themselves and others.

As part of Bryce's legacy, TOPEC in conjunction with Robyn, Isaac and Grace Jourdain offer scholarship opportunities to students of Intermediate School age to participate in an Outdoor focused course. The course is aimed at personal development, self-discovery and unlocking the inner potential.

The scholarship is intended not only for those who have already been identified as high achievers, but also for those with *potential* that may need a boost, an opportunity to shine, or someone to say you are allowed to believe in yourself.

The course also aims to inspire participants to become role models for others, to show leadership and importantly to recognize the NZ Outdoors as a special place.

***When writing the story of your life, don't let others hold the pen***

## Purpose

The purpose of the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship is to provide an opportunity for students to participate in a programme of self-discovery and personal development at the Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre, experience the Outdoor Environment and to develop leadership qualities through a tailored leadership and personal development programme.

## Eligibility

The Bryce Jourdain Scholarship is open to intermediate School students - both New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.

1. To be eligible for consideration for the award of the Scholarship, applicants must have the potential or demonstrate a determination to succeed as follows:
  - (a) Achievement in the academic areas of the School curriculum
  - (b) Significant achievement to date and potential to further excel in either
    - (i) A sporting code, outdoor activity or
    - (ii) A performing or creative art
  - (c) Leadership qualities.
2. Consideration of applications will also be subject to an assessment of:
  - (a) the alignment of the Outdoor activity sport, or performing or creative art concerned to TOPEC's *Vision* and to the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship Programme's purpose, and
  - (b) TOPEC's capability, in conjunction with relevant local agencies, to provide access to locations, facilities and developmental support appropriate to the outdoor activity, sport, or performing or creative art.
3. When selecting recipients, the Panel may take into account the applicant's willingness and ability to fully participate in, and contribute to, the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship Programme.

## Applications

4. Applications for the Scholarship must be received by Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre Scholarships Office on the prescribed form **by the end of term 2 each year** preceding the intended course.
5. Applicants must include with their completed application from:
  - (a) For Secondary School Students Scholarship
    - A curriculum vitae (including a one-page summary of relevant achievements & awards)
    - A (maximum one-page) personal statement that briefly presents the following:
      - Best achievement / performance to date and why
      - Future aspirations for: outdoor, creative or sporting endeavours
      - Leadership & community involvement
    - A completed Senior Teacher's assessment form
  - (b) For Intermediate School Students Scholarship
    - A summary of relevant achievements and awards (if applicable)
    - A (maximum one-page) personal statement that briefly presents the following:
      - Best achievement / performance to date and why
      - Future aspirations for: outdoor, creative or sporting endeavours
      - Leadership & community involvement
    - A completed Senior Teacher's assessment form

## SELECTION

6. The Bryce Jourdain Scholarships Scholarship panel will be chaired by Robyn Jourdain ( or her delegate ),and consist of a TOPEC representative and at least one other member.
7. The Scholarship panel considers the applications and may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.
8. The Scholarship panel may consult with representatives of relevant Outdoor , sporting or creative agencies to assess the standing of any achievements listed in the applicant's portfolio.
9. The Scholarship panel may, at its discretion, require the applicant to undertake an interview.

10. The Scholarship panel determines the awards and reports its decisions to the relevant Schools.
11. The Scholarship panel reserves the right to award fewer scholarships than the maximum available in any year.
  - a) The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the Scholarship panel meeting.
12. In exceptional circumstances, the Scholarship panel may award a conditional Scholarship when an applicant cannot fully meet the requirements of the regulations.
  - a. It is expected that the applicant's non-compliance will be temporary.
  - b. A conditional Scholarship will normally be offered for a period of one term.
  - c. Should the recipient meet requirements imposed by the Scholarship panel during this period (such as maintaining a certain level of performance or academic achievement) the conditional status of the Scholarship will cease, and the recipient will be subject to the normal criteria of the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship.
  - d. Should the requirements imposed by the Scholarship panel not be met during this conditional period, the Scholarship will be withdrawn. Such requirements will be made clear to the recipient at the time at which the conditional Scholarship is offered.

## **AWARD AND RETENTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

13. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a scholarship in writing and must advise the TOPEC Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.
14. Acceptance of the offer carries with it a commitment by the student to participate in a leadership and personal development programme provided by TOPEC to assist the student to maximise performance in his or her outdoor, sporting, academic or creative endeavour, and develop leadership skills, while maintaining personal standards.
15. The Scholarship is awarded for one course. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is awarded. In exceptional circumstances, the Bryce Jourdain panel may allow a candidate to defer their award for one year. Students wishing to defer their award must apply in writing to the Bryce Jourdain Panel, and applications for deferment will be considered on a case by case basis
16. Through the Schools, TOPEC may monitor the student's performance, and reserves the right to impose further conditions where the student's progress, conduct or participation is unsatisfactory.

17. The Scholarship Panel may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the required programme, is not making satisfactory academic progress, or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.
18. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the TOPEC Board against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

## **VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

19. The Scholarship covers the costs of attendance, food, gear, instructor and transport fees and associated charges at the time of enrolment on the course. It is not transferable to any other course.

## **CONDITIONS**

20. The Scholarship is not transferable for cash.
21. If, during the duration of the course, a student withdraws from the course no associated fees or costs will be refunded.
22. Students withdrawing due to circumstances beyond their control should be aware that they are able to apply in writing to the Scholarship panel for withdrawal on compassionate grounds.
23. In special circumstances (such as unavoidable withdrawal from study due to commitments directly associated with the student's outdoor, sporting, creative or performing art endeavours consistent with the intent of the Scholarship), the Bryce Jourdain Panel may offer an exemption or waiver in respect of the provisions of these regulations if an appeal for withdrawal on compassionate grounds is unsuccessful.