



The Jan Buckland Scholarships for Women Brick and Blocklaying Apprentices

Number of scholarships available

There are three scholarships available during 2018.

Value

The approximate value of the scholarship is \$1500. This is made up of \$1,000 in cash and \$500 in PPE gear.

Application dates

- Applications for scholarship for ANY apprenticeship years will be accepted anytime between 8 March 2018 and 31 April 2018.
- Applications for first year apprentices (signed up within 12 months of their application) will be accepted anytime between 1 May 2018 and 30 June 2018 and between 1 July 2018 and 31 August 2018 (two scholarships).

Background of the award

Jan Buckland is the epitome of a capable woman in the brick and blocklaying industry. As a daughter, wife and mother of brick and blocklayers, Jan has lived immersed in the trade. At 27, following the unexpected passing of her husband, Jan took over running *Buckland Brick and Block* in Christchurch and over the past three to four decades has:

- successfully run her company;
- Chaired the Brick and Blocklayers Federation (BBFNZ);
- ran Brick and Blocklayers Association Canterbury (BBAC);
- is currently the Executive Officer for the New Zealand Masonry Trades Association (NZMTA);
- and is once again a BBFNZ Board member.

Jan's passion and knowledge of the trade is unsurpassed and she is an exemplar of women in the brick and blocklaying industry.

Purpose of the award

To encourage women to consider brick and blocklaying as a career by showing them that they are capable and accepted in our trade.

Selection criteria

Applicants must have a current apprenticeship agreement with their employer and BCITO.

For two of the scholarships the applicants must have entered into their apprenticeships within 12 months of applying.

The decision makers acknowledge that there may be very little difference separating applicants so selection may become a simple ballot process.

Applicants accept when applying that the decision makers choice is final.

How do you apply?

Applicants need to submit a short (1 minute) video of them working in the trade and include with their application a short summary of why they chose Brick and Blocklaying as a career.

Applications are accepted either via email – info@bbfnz.co.nz or via the BBFNZ Facebook page.

Decision makers

Jan Buckland – EO NZMTA, BBFNZ Board

Christy Thompson – BBFNZ Board, Auckland Regional Delegate, Firth Industries.

Melanie McIver – CEO BBFNZ

What conditions are attached to acceptance of the scholarships?

All applicants consent to BBFNZ and its members sharing their video and summary on Facebook or other online media with the knowledge that it is being used to encourage other women that they can also enter the brick and blocklaying trade.