

## **SHOWHUNTER WAITEMATA GROUP - SCHOLARSHIP**

### **BACKGROUND**

Showhunter Waitemata have set up a Scholarship for the extension of riders in the Showhunter discipline. The inaugural Scholarship was awarded during the 2006/2007 season.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

1. Funds for disbursement are to be held in a separate Showhunter Waitemata Scholarship Account.
2. Contributions to this fund may be made by individuals, groups, or companies.
3. It is intended that the fund will benefit from proceeds of Showhunter Waitemata events, where there is sufficient monies available to allocate to the fund.
4. A maximum of 10 scholarships will be awarded each year.
5. The Scholarship value is \$300.00

### **PURPOSE**

1. The disbursement of funds shall be in support of extending riders in primarily the Waitemata/Rodney area, but not restricted to this area.
2. It is the intention that Scholarships be for riders competing in Showhunter events either at a local, national, or international level.
3. This Scholarship differs from the Woodhill Sands Scholarship in that a wide range of applicants will be considered from:
  - a. Cases of hardship
  - b. Top level competitors
  - c. Individuals
  - d. Teams

### **CRITERIA**

The following criteria has been formulated by the Showhunter Waitemata Group as at March 2010 as a guideline for the disbursement of the Scholarship funds

### **Applications:**

1. Nominations may be received from any person or group who competes in the discipline of Showhunter.
2. Recipients may be appointed by and at the discretion of the Showhunter Waitemata Group.
3. The Showhunter Waitemata Group may advertise the Scholarship inviting applications.
4. The Showhunter Waitemata Group shall have final approval of any recipient.

**Eligibility:**

1. The scholarship is awarded to the rider, not a rider/horse combination.
2. The scholarship shall be available to any rider of any age.
3. Riders of hacks or ponies will be eligible.
4. The rider shall preferably be resident within the Waitemata/Rodney District.
5. The rider will have competed at either training or registered level at events hosted by Showhunter Waitemata over the previous season.

**Ability Level:**

1. Riders will show at least a good riding ability with the over-riding requirement that there be potential for improvement.
2. The assessment of "potential for improvement" will be at the discretion of Showhunter Waitemata.
3. The recipient will show a readiness to compete in Showhunter events.

**Instruction:**

1. Show Hunter instruction is to be undertaken by a Showhunter instructor approved by the Showhunter Waitemata Group.
2. The instruction may take place at a jumping arena suitable to the recipient and the instructor.
3. The instruction must be taken to at least the value as apportioned above and the recipient may add to this value at their discretion.

**Hardship:**

1. Developing riders under financial hardship may apply.
2. The Showhunter Waitemata Group may take into consideration the financial ability of a developing rider to fund instruction in the discipline of Showhunter in order to improve their competitive ability.

**Closing Date of Application and Awarding of Scholarship:**

1. The closing date for the applications shall be at the discretion of the Showhunter Waitemata Group but shall be within the nominated season and prior to the commencement of the next season.
2. It is the intention of the Group that, if possible, the award be made at the AGM Meeting and Awards Evening.