



THE MARK DUNLOP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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BACKGROUND

Mark was a much loved member of our community. He was a passionate advocate of the sport who loved to foster and support other riders' mountain biking aspirations, and he had the courage to chase his dream overseas.

The Rotorua Mountain Bike Club own and operate the Giant 2W Gravity Enduro and engages an event delivery team to focus on continual improvements, with an aim to making each season progressively more awesome!

In addition to the desire to create an event series for the local community to be proud of, and a competitive forum for our local athletes to test themselves, the primary purpose of the entire event series is to produce revenue to fund the Mark Dunlop Memorial Scholarship. Here we want to foster the development of role models in our community and support the racing ambitions of the scholarship recipient(s) with a grant of up to \$10 000 in any given year, thereby helping to reduce the significant financial barriers that arise when competing internationally.



SCHOLARSHIP GOAL

To foster and develop role models in our community by supporting the racing ambitions of the scholarship recipient(s) enabling international experience with a grant of UP TO \$10,000 (inc any gst).

ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship criteria for application/selection would be for riders who have ambitions for racing internationally. Money should be used to help the riders achieve experience at an international level.

- Riders must be 16 years or older and be a NZ resident/citizen.
- Must have ridden at least two Giant 2W Gravity Enduro events of the current season.
- Demonstrate ability and supported performance achievement.
- Must have a firm commitment to race an international MTB event in the calendar year follows.
- Rotorua MTB Club Members to have first priority at scholarships.
- Clear preference is to award to a single individual but the RMTBC will retain the right to split the scholarship if appropriate

CONDITIONS

To protect and enhance the reputation of the Scholarship and the RMTBC then the Scholarship Recipient must:

- Sign a RMTBC code of conduct contract and adhere to this to remain eligible for scholarship. This is a binding document between the Club and the recipient.
- Provide blogs/race reports including a report back to the RMTBC AGM
- Regular (minimum monthly) social media posts that tag and recognise the Mark Dunlop Scholarship, Giant 2W Gravity Enduro and RMTBC.
- Make themselves available for a reasonable amount of club event support upon request.
- To ensure compliance with intent of the scholarship, grant funds will be released in two even transactions across the season. One within a fortnight of the award being presented, the second during the following Jul-Aug months contingent upon the proper paperwork all being completed to a satisfactory degree

SELECTION

- Applications / nominations open immediately after the completion of Race 2 of Giant 2W Gravity Enduro with the process ending with the scholarship being awarded at Race 3 prizegiving
- This document provides the guidance to help shape the type of detail we are looking for from applicants/nominees.
- From here submit your nomination / application by email to the secretary
- All applications and nominations will be examined and presented to the decision-making panel. From here the panel may or may not request a face to-face meeting to discuss your application.
- Any unsolicited direct lobbying to the panel or members of the Dunlop family in an attempt to influence the decision-making process may be grounds to invalidate your application or nomination. Similarly, any reports of unbecoming conduct in general may be grounds to invalidate your application or nomination.
- No correspondence or debate will be entered into after the scholarship is awarded

EXPECTATIONS

WHAT WE EXPECT TO SEE FROM APPLICANTS

A RIDER PROFILE

This is a document telling us about yourself, your background in and around the scope of your riding and your family life. Detail any qualifications you have achieved that you believe might be pertinent. What goals you have had and achieved, what challenges you have faced, and where you want to be. In general, who you are, where you have been, and then where you are going.

A FORMAL DECLARATION THAT YOU:

- Are 16 years or older and a NZ resident/citizen.
- Have ridden at least two Giant 2W Gravity Enduro events of the current season
Have a demonstrable history of MTB performance & achievement – please list these achievements for us.
- Have a firm commitment to race an international MTB event in the following calendar year -Tell us which event(s) you are aiming for here.
- Are you a Rotorua MTB Club Member? If so, how long have you been one?
- Are not on a Professional factory team rider contract. If you are a partially supported rider please disclose the scope of your arrangements.
- Agree to conform to the parameters listed under the heading “CONDITIONS’ above. Realise that in the absence of a suitable candidate in a given season the RMTBC reserves the right to withhold awarding the scholarship in any given year. Understand that no correspondence or debate will be entered into in the case that the scholarship is awarded or withheld, and that any attempts to enter in to such discourse may affect your ability to apply or nominate in future iterations of the scholarship.

WHAT WOULD THIS SCHOLARSHIP ALLOW YOU TO DO

Tell us how you will use the grant money if successful.

HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE RMTBC

The club agenda is driven forwards by an engaged group of volunteers who give up their time to help further the sport of mountain biking for our community. Tell us how you think you can similarly advance the club and community interests in a meaningful way.



CHARACTER REFEREES

We want to see names and contact details of people/authorities who will support your application. Please ensure that you have consulted with anyone named and make it known to them that our panel may like to call or email them to discuss your application too.

OTHER INFO

We want to see anything else not explicitly listed above that you think supports your application.



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THANKS