



Massey University International Student Excellence Scholarship Referee Statement

Scholarship Applicant Name:	Name of Referee:
	Position:
Massey ID:	Contact Email:
Massey Programme:	Contact Phone Number:

The above applicant is applying for the Massey University International Student Excellence Scholarship, worth \$10,000 in the first year of a degree and \$5,000 each subsequent year (for the length of the degree). As part of the Scholarship application, we have requested that each applicant submit a letter of recommendation in support, preferably from a school's creative arts teacher or an international director. Rather than provide a general character reference for students applying for Creative Arts programmes (Design, Fine Arts, Commercial Music, Creative Media Production, and Māori Visual Arts), we would like information surrounding the applicant's academic progress and, in particular, his/her ability to succeed at the tertiary level in a creative arts programme. We also request this letter appear on school or company letterhead.

The below information is a guide to help you when writing the recommendation letter. These are general prompts and don't have to be directly addressed:

- How long have you known the applicant?
- What are the applicant's strengths in creative arts?
- In what way has the applicant shown a desire to study creative arts beyond high school?
- How well will the applicant work with people from other cultures?
- How has the applicant used his/her international background in the classroom?
- Working in a studio often involves working in groups or collaborating on semester-long projects. Can you discuss the applicant's ability to work in groups?
- In studying creative arts, students often learn to succeed through failure, having to learn through prototyping. How well does the applicant deal with challenges and 'road blocks' when learning?
- What is one thing the applicant does not know about him/herself that others hold in high regard?
- Please include anything else you think is appropriate when evaluating the applicant for this Scholarship.

Massey University's online scholarship application system requests the applicant for the Scholarship upload the recommendation letter; however, if you wish to submit the letter privately, without the applicant seeing the letter (and in confidence) please send your reference to creative.international@massey.ac.nz. Please be sure to include the applicant's Massey ID number.

For more information about the Scholarship, go to <https://creative.massey.ac.nz/apply/scholarships>

Please provide your letter to the applicant or the private email address no later than 31 November 2020.