



Scholarships will help fuel young pair's study

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Two Taranaki teenagers will find their university study a lot less costly, thanks to scholarships awarded yesterday by Shell New Zealand.

Rebecca Joyce, 18, of New Plymouth Girls' High School, and Matt Simpson, 17, of Stratford High School, will each receive a scholarship worth \$22,500, payable in three annual instalments.

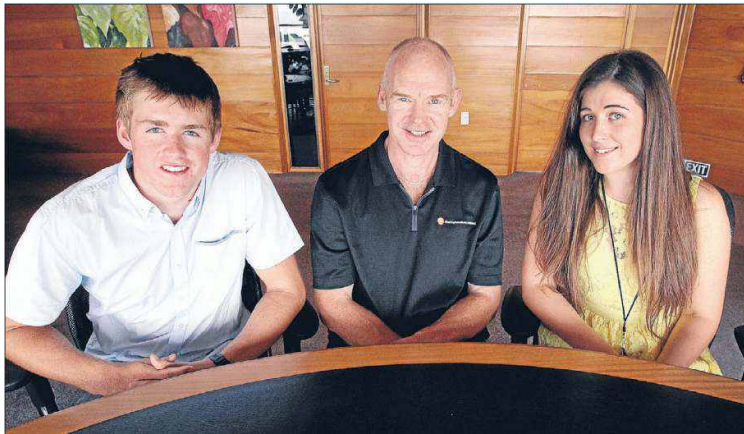
The aim of the scholarships, which were first awarded last year, is to help school-leavers who would benefit from mentoring and financial support to study an energy-related degree at university.

Yesterday, Shell NZ chairman Rob Jager said he was delighted to be able to award the scholarships.

"The recipients have a strong interest in the energy industry and, more specifically, a sense of social and environmental responsibility, which are values that are crucial to Shell," he said.

"We wish them well with their study and look forward to being able to support them."

Inaugural Shell scholarship recipient Jessica Richardson-Land said the Shell scholarship was invaluable while she studied at Waikato University last year. "It meant I didn't have to worry about the cost of textbooks, stationery and field trips. Having a mentor is also a huge help as it is nice to have a friendly face to answer any questions I have."



Good oil:

Scholarship recipients Matt Simpson, 17, and Rebecca Joyce, 18, with Shell New Zealand chairman Rob Jager. Photo: ANDY JACKSON/FAIRFAX NZ