



## **Introducing Tool Blacks Team Member**

**Name:** Elliot Wilkes  
**Skill:** Sheet Metal Technology  
**From** Palmerston North

Elliot gained a gold medal at the WorldSkills NZ National Finals in September 2008. He meets the criteria and high performance standards required for WorldSkills, and has been selected to be part of the Tool Black team competing at the 2009 WorldSkills International Competition to be held in Calgary, Canada in September 2009.

Elliot is two years into his training and is studying towards a National Certificate in Engineering -Fabrication – Light Level 4. He is employed by Total Sheet Metals (NZ) Ltd in Palmerston North and is registered with Skills4Work for his training. Elliot attends UCOL in Palmerston North for his “off-job” training. Total Sheet Metals (NZ) Ltd is committed to training apprentices and has an excellent mentoring programme.

Elliot was selected to go to the WorldSkills National Finals because he did well at the Central North Island regional Light Fabrication competition and showed outstanding potential as a first year apprentice. Elliot thinks that everyone should enter the WorldSkills Regional competitions because “it is a good experience and gives you the opportunity to get some extra training in your trade.”

He is looking forward to the opportunity of competing at the WorldSkills International competitions and has already started a training programme that will give him the competitive edge he needs to succeed at the International level.

## **You can help Elliot get to WorldSkills in Calgary**

Elliot has funding from NZ Steel Ltd and Total Sheet Metals. WorldSkills NZ and Elliot would like to thank these organisations for their support.

Further contributions toward his total costs (\$13,900) would be appreciated. In doing so you are confirming your commitment to the development of the Engineering industry in New Zealand. You will also give Elliot the opportunity to wear the Silver Fern, represent New Zealand, and gain valuable life experience through testing his skills against top young Light Fabrication competitors from around the world.