Biggar Family Scholarships.

Code: 680  
Faculty: All  
Applicable study: First undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland and subsequent degrees thereafter  
Closing date: 1 November  
Tenure: First undergraduate degree plus subsequent degrees if applicable  
For: Assistance with living costs, tuition fees, course costs and accommodation if required  
Number on offer: 1 or 2 (See Regulation 2)  
Offer rate: Varies  
Value: Up to $20,000 pa

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2011 to commence in 2012 and are funded by Grant Biggar. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to assist students who are the first member of their immediate family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview (see Note i)  
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the Biggar Family Scholarships.  
2. One scholarship of up to $20,000 per annum or two scholarships of up to $10,000 per annum each will be awarded annually (see Note ii). The Scholarship will cover the minimum period required for completion of a first undergraduate degree (including a conjoint degree). The recipient may also apply for further funding for postgraduate study (see Note iii).  
3. The scholarships will be awarded to a full-time student who is the first member of their immediate family to attend a university (see Note iv) and who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for enrolment in an undergraduate Bachelor or Bachelor (Honours) degree at The University of Auckland (see Note iii).  
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship. To continue to hold the Scholarship the Scholar must maintain a grade point average of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each year of study (See Note v).  
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee (or nominee), a representative of the External
Relations and Development Department and one representative of the Donor (or nominee).

7. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, the Scholarships will be paid as a contribution towards course costs, tuition fees and living costs (of up to $10,000 pa) and in addition, as a contribution towards accommodation (of up to $10,000 pa) if the recipient’s family is located outside Auckland or the recipient is unable to live with his or her family. (See Note ii).

8. The Scholarship may not be concurrently held with a University of Auckland Scholarship, a University of Auckland Chancellor’s Award for Top Maori and Pacific Scholars, a University of Auckland Alumni Scholarship or a University of Auckland Jubilee Award. The Scholarship may be concurrently held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director/Head of the Department in which the recipient is enrolled.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award of any or both of the Scholarships if in any year there is no candidate or candidates of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November.

13. Notes[i]-[v] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Students who are requested to attend an interview may have their travel costs reimbursed at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Alternatively the interview may take place via video conference.

II. If the highest ranked applicant does not require accommodation, two scholarships will be awarded of $10,000 per annum each.

III. On completion of the Bachelor’s degree, the recipient may reapply for further funding towards their enrolment in a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours), Postgraduate Diploma, Masters, or doctoral degree.

IV. The scholarship will be awarded to a recipient who is the first member of their immediate family, including siblings and parents, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step siblings and parents are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years. Candidates must complete and include a statutory declaration to this effect.

V. For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients’ grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study. A GPA of 4.00 is equivalent to a B- average.