Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust New Start Awards

Scholarship description

The Awards were established in 1997 and are funded by the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. The main purpose of the Awards is to assist women students who have successfully completed the University of Auckland’s New Start Programme and are enrolled or preparing to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland in the following year.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

Regulations

1. The Awards shall be known as the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust New Start Awards.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $6,000 per annum each.
3. To take up and be paid the Awards the candidates must have successfully completed the University of Auckland New Start Programme and must be enrolled and paid the fees, or have arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year. To maintain the Awards the recipients must attain a GPA of at least 3.00 (C+ average) each semester.
4. The Awards are tenable by women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be the applicant’s academic achievement during the New Start programme, demonstrated financial need, a personal statement outlining the applicant’s aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration (see Notes i, ii and iii).
6. The shortlisting of applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee (or nominee) and the Manager of the Scholarships Office (or nominee). Final awarding will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

7. The Awards will be paid in two equal lump sum instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester of eligible study (see Note iv).

8. The Awards may be held concurrently with any other award or grant of equal or lesser value 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 an Award if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Head of Department.

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

11. The University of Auckland Council 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 Awards.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 November in the year preceding the award.

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

**Notes**

I. For the purpose of assessing applicants for this Scholarship, academic achievement is assessed by the GPA obtained over the applicant’s study in the New Start Programme.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

III. Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.

IV. Failure to complete any semester of study will require the recipient to refund that semester’s payment to the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. Recipients who are unable to complete their studies in any semester due to compelling circumstances must apply in writing to the Manager of the Scholarships Office for special consideration before the end of the examination period for that semester.