Ralph and Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarships

The Scholarships were established in 2014 and are funded by the Ralph and Eve Seelye Charitable Trust. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to assist school leavers from decile 1-3 schools who have the potential to succeed at 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
- 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 Ralph and Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarships.
2. Up to ten Scholarships will be awarded annually, each of the value of up to $5,000 per annum for the duration of the students’ first undergraduate degree. Of the ten Scholarships, up to two scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending De La Salle College and up to two scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending McAuley High School, provided there are applicants of sufficient merit.
3. The basis of selection will be financial need, academic ability and motivation to succeed at University (see Note i).
4. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship, students must be citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in Year 13 at a decile 1-3 New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol in a full-time degree programme at the University of Auckland.
5. To take up the offer of the Scholarship, the awardees must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with a grade point equivalence of at least 3.00 (see Note ii).
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee), the Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee (or nominee) and the Donor (or representative).
7. Recipients will be paid in two instalments, one in the first, and one in the second semester of enrolment, except those from De La Salle College and McAuley High School who will receive payment as a fees credit.

8. The Scholarships may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, or University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship-School Leavers but may be 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. To continue to hold the Scholarship the recipient must maintain a full-time degree programme of study at the University of Auckland with grade point average of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each year of study (see Note iii).

10. 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 relevant Dean.

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

12. 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 Scholarships.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November of the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. Applicants will be asked to provide evidence of family financial circumstances e.g. via confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance.

II. To take up their offer of the Scholarship, applicants must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with a NCEA or CIE rank score of at least 200, or an IB score of at least 27, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland entry grade point equivalent (GPE) of 3.00.

III. 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.

IV. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.