Salvation Army Marie Fitness Endowment Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2014 and are funded by the Marie Fitness Endowment through the Salvation Army. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to support young people with demonstrated financial hardship and who are from an underprivileged background to study medicine or pharmacy at the University of Auckland. These two scholarships are also open to eligible students from the University of Otago, who should apply through the University of Otago’s Scholarship Office.

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 will be known as the Salvation Army Marie Fitness Endowment Scholarships.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for up to three years of full-time study towards an undergraduate degree, and will be of the value of up to $6,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarships, the recipients must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, a Bachelor of Pharmacy or a Certificate in Health Sciences (see Note i).
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who were under the age of 21 years when commencing study.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, childhood under-privilege and potential to succeed in the chosen academic programme in the professions of Medicine or Pharmacy (see Notes ii and iii).
6. To maintain the Scholarship the recipient must attain an equivalent GPA of 6.00 (B+ average) each semester.
7. The Shortlisting of applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee (or nominee) and the Pro Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee). Final awarding will be made by the Scholarship Office.
8. The Scholarships will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
9. The Scholarships may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the Donor and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approve.
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 Head of the relevant School.
11. The Selection Committee is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. 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 Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award. Current recipients applying for a second period of funding will be required to re-apply by the closing date.
14. Notes [i]-[iii] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. Applications will be accepted from students in any year of study towards one of these qualifications or students enrolled in the Certificate in Health Sciences where a clear indication is evident of intention and ability to enrol into a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery or a Bachelor of Pharmacy in their subsequent years of study.

II. In making a recommendation for these Scholarships the Selection Committee will take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

III. Childhood under-privilege will be determined by factors such as the decile rating of schools attended, family circumstances, eligibility for a Studylink Student Allowance and financial hardship.