Sanders Memorial Scholarship

A sum of money has been generously placed at the disposal of the University of Auckland Council by the Trustees of the Sanders Memorial Fund upon the condition that the income arising from such fund will be employed in the provision and maintenance of Scholarships for the benefit of children of members of the Mercantile Marine Service or of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country and who are ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District. This Scholarship will be a memorial to the late Lt. Commander W. E. Sanders, VC, DSO, RN. Lt. Commander Sanders was granted the Victoria Cross in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry, consummate coolness, and skill in command of one of His Majesty’s ships in action. He was drowned in 1917 when his ship, the Prize (one of the ‘mystery’ or ‘Q’ ships) was lost with all hands as the result of an engagement with one or more enemy submarines. In 1998 the Scholarship’s fund was augmented by Professor Graham Simpson, a former Sanders Memorial Scholar.

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 Scholarship will be known as the Sanders Memorial Scholarship.
2. The University of Auckland Council will employ the income arising from the Scholarship fund in the provision and maintenance of such a number of Scholarships as it will in its unfettered discretion think fit, but so nevertheless that the annual value of such Scholarships when so provided may exceed, but will not be less than, the sum of $1,200.
3. These Scholarships will be available to candidates who: (a) are the sons or daughters of persons who are or have been members of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country or of the Mercantile Marine Service of any such Commonwealth country; and (b) are ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District; and (c) have not reached the age of nineteen (19) years on 1 February in the year of the award; and (d) have not kept terms or attended lectures in any University; provided that paragraph (c) will not apply to candidates who have served in any
4. Each Scholarship will be tenable for three years, but the University of Auckland Council may in any case and upon the receipt of a favourable report from the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is enrolled extend the term of any such Scholarship or Scholarships for a further year.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council after considering a recommendation from the Selection Committee.

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

7. The Selection Committee will consist of the Chair of the Scholarships SubCommittee (or nominee), the Dean of Arts (or nominee), and the Dean of Science (or nominee).

8. The Selection Committee may select for interview such candidates as it thinks fit, after first considering: (a) the performance or performances of each candidate in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for University Entrance (if he or she has once or more than once sat any of those Examinations); and (b) such further or other evidence of the candidate’s ability and performance as it thinks fit.

9. The Selection Committee will base its recommendation to the University of Auckland Council upon the same matters as those set forth in Clause 8, paragraphs (a) and (b) of these regulations, and to that end may in its discretion require candidates interviewed or selected for interview to take an examination of a general nature either oral or written.

10. The Scholarship will normally be tenable at the University of Auckland and, subject to the approval of the University of Auckland Council, the holders of such Scholarships may enter upon any programme or programmes of study in which instruction is provided at such University and must attend as full-time students; provided that in a case where a Scholar desires to enter upon a programme of study not provided at the University of Auckland, the University of Auckland Council may, at its discretion, permit the recipient to hold the Scholarship at any University at which such programme is provided.

11. A Sanders Memorial recipient will not be the holder of any other scholarship except with the permission of the University of Auckland Council.

12. Payment of Scholarship monies will be made to the recipient in one instalment in each year during his or her tenure of such Scholarship, but such Scholarship may at any time be cancelled by the University of Auckland Council upon a recommendation to that effect from the Senate.

13. The above regulations may be amended by the University of Auckland Council from time to time provided, however, that such amendments will not come into force until the year following that in which they were approved by the University of Auckland Council.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 November in the year preceding the award.