Tertiary Study Support Scholarship for Parents

**Scholarship description**

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by Alia Simpson. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students who became parents in their teens and are currently raising a young child while studying to complete their degree at the University of Auckland.

**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 shall be known as the Tertiary Study Support Scholarship for Parents.
2. Up to 2 Scholarships will be awarded annually and will be of a total value of up to $2,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the recipient must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in any year of an undergraduate (see Note i) or postgraduate degree at the University of Auckland. To continue to hold this scholarship, recipients must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study. A GPA of 4.00 is equivalent to a B- average (see Note ii).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who became parents in their teens, and who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability, the quality and nature of the applicant’s personal statement, motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship. Preference may be given to students who are recent school leavers, and who are parents raising a young child.
6. The Scholarship 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), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester.
8. The Scholarship 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 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 relevant Faculty Dean.

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 Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 March in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. Applicants entering their first year of an undergraduate degree from school must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an entry GPE of at least 3.00, equivalent to C+ average.

II. Current recipients may re-apply by the closing date and if successful may hold the Scholarship for up to three years.