William and Betty Bell Scholarship

**Scholarship description**

The Scholarship was established in 2014 with a generous donation from Eileen (Sunny) Barnes, a close friend of William and Betty Bell. William and Betty Bell both grew up in the Great Depression and thus had an understanding of financial need.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist a student who is the first member of their immediate family to attend 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 Scholarship will be known as the William and Betty Bell Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to $1,000.
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 into the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note i), motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship. Preference may be given to students who are the first member of their family to attend a university (see Note ii).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), the Associate Dean Initial Teacher Education of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee) and the Faculty of Education and Social Work Student Services Manager (or nominee).
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two 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 Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

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 31 January in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. School leavers must achieve an NCEA rank score of at least 180 or a CIE rank score of at least 190 based on their Year 13 results.

II. The Scholarship may be awarded to a recipient who is the first member of their family, including siblings and parents, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step siblings and parents are included where they have lived with the applicant for five or more years.