YP Chan First in Family Scholarships

**Scholarship description**

The Scholarships were established in 2017 and are funded by YP Chan and the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to assist students who are the first member of their 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
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 YP Chan First in Family Scholarships.
2. Two scholarships of up to $8,000.00 per annum will be awarded, each for a period of up to four years of study towards the completion of a first undergraduate degree including a conjoint degree.
3. To take up and be paid the scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled full-time in the first year of their first undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, intending to enroll full-time in a degree at the University of Auckland having completed their final year at a New Zealand secondary school in the preceding year.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship. The recipient must be the first member of his or her family to attend a university. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview (See Notes i-iii).
6. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a GPA of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each year of study (see Note iv).
7. 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), a representative of the Alumni Relations and Development Department and one representative of the Donor (or nominee).

8. The scholarships will be paid as a lump sum in each semester of study.

9. The scholarship may not be held with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it 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. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while in payment for this Scholarship.

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 Director/Head of Department or School in which the recipient is enrolled.

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

12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the scholarships.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January in the year of the award.

14. Notes [i]-[vi] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Academic merit will be based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

III. For the purpose of this scholarship, 'first in family' to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

IV. For the purposes of this scholarship, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study.

V. Payments under the terms of this scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the scholarship.

VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.