Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students

1. **Code:** 1032
2. **Faculty:** All
3. **Applicable study:** Students who have completed the Tertiary Foundation Certificate and are preparing to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree in the following year
4. **Closing date:** 1 October
5. **Tenure:** One year
6. **For:** Assistance with study
7. **Number on offer:** Up to 6
8. **Offer rate:** Annually
9. **Value:** Up to $5,000 each

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Alumni Scholarships Fund.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support a student in their first year of study after graduating from the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) programme 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 Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students.
2. Up to six Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 each.
3. The Scholarship may be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently enrolled in the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) and intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland in the following year.
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the first year of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland.
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results in the TFC programme and financial need. Successful applicants will have a GPA of at least 3.50 (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal lump sums in the third week of each semester. To be paid the second instalment, recipients will be required to achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in the first semester of study (see Note II).

8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme.

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

11. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 October in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for the New Zealand Government fees-free entitlement or a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

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

III. 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.

IV. Recipients of the Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

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