

Brookfields Lawyers First in Family Scholarship

Code:	1111
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Part II of an LLB or LLB conjoint degree programme
Closing date:	7 March 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$4,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by an endowment by Brookfields Lawyers of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist a student entering Part II of a Bachelor of Laws who is 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
- 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 Brookfields Lawyers First in Family Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value \$4,000.
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Scholarship, applicants must be i) citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, ii) the first member of their family to attend university (see Note I) and, iii) enrolled or enrolling full-time in Part II of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or associated conjoint degree at the University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 (4.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results in Part I of the LLB, the applicant's motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement (see Note II).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), a member of academic staff from the Faculty of Law nominated by the Dean, and a representative of Brookfields Lawyers.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in Part II of an LLB or associated conjoint degree.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in Semester Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approved. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council, 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 Scholarship.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 7 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. 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.*
- II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- IV. Awardees 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*