Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship

Code: 670A
Faculty: Education and Social Work
Applicable study: Full-time study in first year of an undergraduate Bachelor’s degree or conjoint in the Faculty of Education and Social Work
Closing date: 31 January and 15 October
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance
Number on offer: Up to 20
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $2,500 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2011 and is financed by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support and encourage excellence of students entering their first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, 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 Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship.
2. Up to twenty Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to $2,500 per annum each.
3. To take up the Scholarship, recipients must be able to meet programme entry selection criteria which may include the requirements of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand or the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board.
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must have been awarded University Entrance and 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 (including conjoint degrees) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, at the University of Auckland.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. The basis of selection will be demonstrated academic excellence based on Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school leavers; results of the most
recent year of tertiary education for applicants who have completed study at another institution; results from a Foundation Programme; or education and training background for students being considered for entry to the university under Special Admission, personal achievements and all round ability.

7. 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 Education and Social Work (or nominee) and two additional members of academic staff of the Faculty (appointed by the Dean).

8. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently 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.

10. 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 Dean of Education and Social Work.

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

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

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January and 15 October each year.

14. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. **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.**

II. **Recipients of a Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship 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 a Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.**