Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship

**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 not be held concurrently with the Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart City of Sails
Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently 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
approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards
and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

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 1 February and 17 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying.
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.