

Hills First in Family Scholarship

Code:	751
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First in family to study in any year of first undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	TBC
Tenure:	Up to four years
For:	Assistance with study costs
Number on offer:	On
Offer rate:	One every four years
Value:	Up to \$5,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by Quentin Hills, Managing Director of MMC Securities Corp. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students who are the first member of their immediate 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 candidates 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 Scholarship shall be known as the Hills First in Family Scholarship.
2. One scholarship of up to \$5,000 per annum will be awarded. The Scholarship will cover up to four years of study towards the completion of a first undergraduate degree including a conjoint degree (see Note I).
3. 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 into any 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.
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 (see Note II). To continue to hold the Scholarship the Scholar must maintain a grade point average of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each year of study (see Note III).
6. 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 the Donor (or nominee).

7. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, the Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester, or as a fortnightly stipend.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently 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.
9. 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 the Director/Head of the Department in which the recipient is enrolled.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award of the Scholarship if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. A recipient who has completed a three year undergraduate degree and enrolled into postgraduate study may re-apply for a fourth and final year of funding.*
- II. The scholarship will be awarded to a recipient who is the first member of their family, including siblings and parents, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step siblings and parents are included where they have lived with the applicant for five or more years.*
- III. For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients' grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study. A GPA of 4.00 is equivalent to a B- average.*