Michael Synnott Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established by Mark and Sally Synnott in memory of Mark’s brother, Michael Synnott, to encourage students of Māori and Pacific descent residing or attending schools in the area commonly referred to as South Auckland to attend the University of Auckland.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Michael Synnott Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three or four years, depending on the length of the recipient’s undergraduate degree programme, and will be to the value of up to $5,000 pa (see Note I).
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate of Māori or Pacific descent who intends to enrol in their first undergraduate Bachelors or conjoint degree at the University of Auckland and who is currently residing in or attending a secondary school in the suburbs of Otara, Papatoetoe, Mangere, Manurewa, Otahuhu and Papakura in the region of Auckland commonly referred to as South Auckland.
4. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated financial need, leadership potential and potential to succeed at University.
5. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice Chancellor, (Equity) (or nominee), the Director of the Schools Partnership Office (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
6. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the recipient must gain admission to the University of Auckland with a GPE of 3.00 or above, and be enrolled fulltime in an undergraduate degree.
7. To continue to receive the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or above (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of the award.

8. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit and/or as a contribution to course-related costs.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of Department.

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

11. The University of Auckland has power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the University of Auckland Foundation, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Application close with the Scholarships Office on 16 January in the year of the award.

13. Note [I] below is deemed to be a regulation.

Notes

1. The recipient of the Scholarship may receive additional funding assistance of up to $5,000 each year at the Donor’s discretion, subject to their annual performance.