

# Ralph & Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	779
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Full-time enrolment in the first year of a degree programme at the University of Auckland
<b>Closing date:</b>	11 October 2024
<b>Tenure:</b>	Duration of first undergraduate degree
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to ten
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$6,000 pa

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2014 and is funded by the Ralph & Eve Seelye Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist school leavers from decile 1-3 schools who have the potential to succeed at the University of Auckland 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 shall be known as the Ralph & Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarship.
2. Up to ten Scholarships will be awarded annually, each of the value of up to \$6,000 per annum for the duration of the students' first undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland (see Notes I to II). Of the ten Scholarships, up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending De La Salle College and up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending McAuley High School, provided there are applicants of sufficient merit.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a decile 1-3 New Zealand secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol in a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year. Māori and Pacific applicants intending to enrol in a Certificate in Health Sciences with a clear indication of intention to enrol in an undergraduate degree programme preceding a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom) or Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) in their second year of study may also be considered for the Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need, academic ability and motivation to succeed at University as assessed by a personal statement and results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

or an equivalent qualification (see Note III).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), a representative of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) have achieved admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 180, a CIE rank score of at least 190 or an IB score of at least 27, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 3.00, and ii) enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or Certificate in Health Sciences.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment, (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee), except those from De La Salle College and McAuley High School who will receive payment as a fees credit. In the event that the tuition fees have already been covered by any fee-paying scheme, scholarship or award, the Scholarship may be paid out in two equal lump instalments in Semesters One and Two.
8. To remain in payment of the Scholarship, awardees must i) maintain a full-time degree programme of study at the University of Auckland, and ii) achieve a grade point average of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study (see Note IV). Awardees who commenced study in a Certificate in Health Sciences are required to enrol in undergraduate degree programme in their second year of study, followed by an MBChB, BOptom or BPharm, to remain in payment of the Scholarship (see Note II).
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers but 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 approves. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council (in consultation with the Donor) has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the relevant Dean.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 October of the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *If an awardee enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- II. *If an awardee changes programme during their Scholarship tenure, the Scholarship will remain active provided the awardee remains enrolled in full-time undergraduate study and maintains satisfactory academic progress. Awardees must notify the Scholarships Office in writing of the change in programme as soon as the programme change has been approved.*
- III. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal 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.*
- IV. *For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients' grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- V. *Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal*

*circumstances. Any deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*

- VI. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used 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.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must 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 from the date of the breach.*