Raye Freedman Trust Undergraduate Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by the Raye Freedman Trust. Raye Freedman was a businesswoman, philanthropist and property developer who was a generous supporter of the arts and education.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist two Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts conjoint students from the Auckland region, who are enrolling in the first year of their degree, and who are experiencing financial hardship. The Award will provide support for the first three years of degree study.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as the Raye Freedman Trust Undergraduate Award.
2. Two Awards will be made, each for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum each.
3. The Award is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, who are from the Auckland region (see Note I).
4. To take up and be paid the Award, the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or associated conjoint degree in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and demonstrated financial hardship (see Note II).
6. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a passing grade point average (GPA) in each semester of study (see Note III).
7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Students) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and a representative of the Trustees.

8. The Award will be paid in two annual lump sums in each year of enrolment, one in Semester One and the second in Semester Two.

9. The Award may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it may be held 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. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while 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 Associate Dean (Students) of the Faculty of Arts.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award.

14. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. The Auckland region is defined as the Auckland Council Local Board areas of Albert-Eden, Devenport-Takapuna, Franklin, Great Barrier, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maugakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Pukepapa, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitamata and Whau.

II. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

III. For the purposes of this award, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.

IV. Recipients 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 adverse personal circumstances beyond the student’s control.

V. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.

VI. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the award will lapse.

VII. Payments under the terms of this award 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 award.