Sanders Memorial Scholarship

Description

A sum of money has been generously placed at the disposal of the University of Auckland Council by the Trustees of the Sanders Memorial Fund upon the condition that the income arising from such fund will be employed in the provision and maintenance of Scholarships for the benefit of children of members of the Mercantile Marine Service or of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country and who are ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District.

This Scholarship will be a memorial to the late Lt. Commander W. E. Sanders, VC, DSO, RN. Lt. Commander Sanders was granted the Victoria Cross in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry, consummate coolness, and skill in command of one of His Majesty’s ships in action. He was drowned in 1917 when his ship, the Prize (one of the ‘mystery’ or ‘Q’ ships) was lost with all hands as the result of an engagement with one or more enemy submarines. In 1998 the Scholarship’s fund was augmented by Professor Graham Simpson, a former Sanders Memorial Scholar.

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 will be known as the Sanders Memorial Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $3,000.
3. The Scholarship will be available to candidates who: (a) are the child of persons who are or have been members of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country or of the Mercantile Marine Service of any such Commonwealth country; and (b) are ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District; and (c) have not reached the age of nineteen (19) years on 1 February in the year of the award; and (d) have not kept terms or attended lectures in any University; provided that paragraph (c) will not apply to candidates who have served in any such Navy or Mercantile Marine Service.
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must have been awarded University Entrance and be enrolled and
paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the first year of any undergraduate degree programme, including conjoint degrees, at the University of Auckland.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s study and career aspirations.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee).

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

8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently 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.

9. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.

10. 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.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 November in the year preceding the award.

12. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.**

II. **Recipients of a Sanders Memorial 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 Sanders Memorial Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.**