### Senior Scholar Awards

**Code:** P679  
**Faculty:** Arts  
Business School  
Creative Arts and Industries  
Education  
Engineering  
Law  
Liggins Institute  
Medical and Health Sciences  
Science  

**Applicable study:** Students eligible to graduate with an undergraduate degree or diploma  
**Closing date:** No application required  
**Tenure:** Prize  
**For:** Prize  
**Number on offer:** Varies  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** $500  

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### Description

Senior Scholar Awards were established in 2010 by the University of Auckland Council. The main purpose of the Awards is to recognise the graduating students who obtained the highest marks in their undergraduate programme. Each Faculty will be allocated a number of Awards based on their student enrolments.

### Selection process

- The Awards will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the relevant Dean of Faculty or their nominee.

### Regulations

1. The Awardees will be known as Senior Scholars.  
2. The value of these Awards will be $500 each. Receipt of this Award will be recorded on the winner’s official academic transcript and winners will be announced at Graduation ceremonies.  
3. The Awards will be granted to students who are eligible to graduate with an undergraduate degree or diploma and who have achieved the top GPAs assessed over their last 90 or more points credited to that degree, commencing with the higher level points most recently taken in their degree. To be eligible for this Award, recipients must have achieved a minimum GPA of 6.50, equivalent to at least an A- average, across the courses used for this assessment. The Awards will be allocated at the end of each semester, or annually.  
4. For the purposes of MBChB students, the Awards will be granted to students who are eligible to graduate with the MBChB degree and who have achieved the highest number of distinctions in the Part VI year. To be eligible for this Award, recipients must have also achieved at least 4 distinctions and achieved an overall distinction in Part V.
Awards will be allocated annually.

5. The Awards will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the relevant Dean of Faculty or their nominee.

6. In the event of a tie, the relevant Dean of Faculty or nominee shall determine if an Award may be shared.

7. 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 Awards.

8. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. A minimum of 90 points must be used to calculate these awards. Beyond that, each Faculty will determine the number of points to be used to calculate these awards and will notify the Scholarships Sub-Committee of its process.

II. Students undertaking a conjoint programme are eligible to receive this award from either or both of the faculties relating to their programme of study. These awards are not available to students undertaking 120 point Certificate programmes.

III. Winners will be notified by the Scholarships Office.