Sullivan/Margaritis Award

Description

The Award was established in 2021 and is funded by Shaun Lynn and Maria Lee to honour their parents Dr Ann Sullivan and Professor Dimitris Margaritis and their work at the University of Auckland, and the support networks in New Zealand and Korea that encouraged their own higher education.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide financial support to students with Māori whakapapa who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree programme in the University of Auckland Business School, and who are experiencing financial hardship and struggling to meet basic living costs.

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Sullivan/Margaritis Award.
2. Two or more Awards will be made annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $4,000 each, up to a total value of $8,000. Recipients of the Award may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, recipients must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree programme in the Business School at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by students with Māori whakapapa who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, and who attended primary and secondary school or kura in New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and demonstrated financial hardship (see Notes I to II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Māori) of the Business School, and a representative of the donors.
7. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Semester Two. To receive the second
instalment, recipients must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in Semester One (see Note III).

8. The Award may not be held with any other scholarship, award or grant.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of Department or School in which the Scholar is enrolled.

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

11. 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.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 May in the year of the award.

13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic achievement for students entering Year One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students entering Year Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Year Three or subsequent years, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study.

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. 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

V. Recipients of a Sullivan/Margaritis Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Sullivan/Margaritis Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.