

Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents

Code:	758
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Student parents enrolled full-time in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree
Closing date:	21 March
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to Two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,000

Description

The Award was established in 2013 and is funded by Alia Simpson.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist students who became parents in their teens and who are currently raising a young child while studying to complete their degree at the University of Auckland.

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 shall be known as the Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents.
2. Up to 2 Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$2,000 in total. Recipients of the Award may reapply in subsequent years and may hold the Award for up to three years.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, recipients must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by students who became parents in their teens, and who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement, a personal statement outlining the candidate's motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship (see Notes I to II). Preference may be given to students who are recent school leavers and raising a young child.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum upon award.

8. The Award may be held concurrently 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 recipient 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 Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the Admissions grade point equivalent (GPE). Academic achievement for students enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the grade point average (GPA) obtained over the first year of study. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Academic achievement for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme.*
- II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying.*
- III. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- IV. Payments under the terms of these awards 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 while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the award.*
- V. Recipients of the Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents 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 Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*