The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelor with Honours Award

**Description**

The Award is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. From 2015, the University of Auckland has administered the Award on behalf of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust for University of Auckland applicants.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women to complete the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor with Honours Degree or postgraduate Bachelors with Honours Degree at the University of Auckland.

The Award is also open to eligible students from other approved institutions in the Auckland area, who should apply directly through The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust assesses the applications
- The Awards are made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelor with Honours Award.
2. Up to five Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $8,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree or a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, demonstrated financial need and a personal statement outlining the
applicant’s aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration. Candidates must have a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) to be eligible for award consideration (see Notes I-II).

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

7. The Award will be paid in two instalments, one in the first and one in the second semester (see Note IV).

8. The University of Auckland, 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 relevant Head of Department.

9. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or higher value. However, it may be held with any scholarship, other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council and the Donor are informed and approve.

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

11. 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.

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

13. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

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

III. Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.

IV. Recipients of the Award will be required to submit a brief report to the Scholarships Office at the end of their year of study.

V. Failure to complete any semester of study will require the recipient to refund that semester’s payment to The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. Recipients who are unable to complete their studies in any semester due to compelling circumstances must apply in writing to the Manager of the Scholarships Office for special consideration before the end of the applicable semester.

VI. Payments made 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.

VII. Recipients of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelors with Honours 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 The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelors with Honours Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.