The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Dame Dorothy Winstone and Rae Hammer New Start Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 1997 and is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women students who have successfully completed the University of Auckland’s New Start Programme and are enrolled or preparing to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland in the following year.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview
- The Award is 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 Dame Dorothy Winstone and Rae Hammer New Start Award.
2. Two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $6,000 per annum each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must have successfully completed the University of Auckland New Start Programme and must be enrolled and paid the fees, or have arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year. To maintain the Award recipients must attain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) each semester (see Note IV).
4. The Award is tenable by women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be the applicant’s academic achievement during the New Start programme, demonstrated financial need, a personal statement outlining the applicant’s aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration (see Notes I, II and III).
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 equal lump sum instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester of each year of eligible study (see Note IV).
8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or lesser value 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 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 relevant Head of School or Head of Department.
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 22 November in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of assessing applicants for this Scholarship, academic achievement is assessed by the GPA obtained over the applicant’s study in the New Start Programme.
II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current 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. For the purpose of this Award the recipient’s GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study. A GPA of 3.00 is equivalent to a C+ average.
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 examination period for that semester.
VI. Recipients of the Award will be required to submit a brief report to the Scholarships Office at the end of each year of study.
VII. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
VIII. Recipients of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Dame Dorothy Winstone and Rae Hammer New Start 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 Dame Dorothy Winstone and Rae Hammer New Start Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.