The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Masters Degree Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 1996 and is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. From 2015, the University of Auckland has administered the Awards on behalf of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust for University of Auckland applicants.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women graduates to carry out study for a masters 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 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 Masters Degree Award.
2. Up to eight 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 an approved masters 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 as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point
equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, 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 GPA or GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) to be eligible for award consideration (see Notes I-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 instalments, one in the first and one in the second semester.

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 or award of equal or higher value. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations of that scholarship, award or grant permit and 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 29 January in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

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. 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.

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