The Award was established in 2016 and is financed by a bequest from the estate of Vinka Marinovich. Vinka had a lifetime involvement with Music in the Auckland area, particularly with Auckland Girls Grammar School and St Patrick’s Cathedral.

The main purpose of the Award is to support women enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the School of Music 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 Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Vinka Marinovich Award in Music.
2. Two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $8,000 each. One Award will be for a performance student, including all performance options offered at the School of Music. The second Award will include all majors offered in the School of Music, including but not exclusive to Performance.
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 Year 3 of a Bachelor of Music, a Bachelor of Music (Honours), Master of Music, Doctor of Music, Doctor of Musical Arts or PhD in Music.
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 (see Notes I to III).

6. The shortlisting of applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) and the Head of Music (or nominee). Final awarding 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 one instalment in the first semester.

8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant 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 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 17 February in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit 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).

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

III. 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.

IV. Failure to complete two full-time consecutive semesters of study will require a full refund of the value of the award. 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.

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