

## William, Betty and Jill Bell Award

<b>Code:</b>	766
<b>Faculty:</b>	Faculty of Education and Social Work
<b>Applicable study:</b>	First year of first undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work
<b>Closing date:</b>	31 January
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$1,600

### Description

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The Award was established in 2014 with a generous donation from Eileen (Sunny) Barnes, a close friend of William and Betty Bell. William and Betty Bell both grew up in the Great Depression and thus had an understanding of financial need.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist a student who is the first member of their immediate family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

### Selection process

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- 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

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1. The Award will be known as the William, Betty and Jill Bell Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to \$1,600.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, the recipient must be enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by full-time students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school-leavers; results of the most recent year of tertiary education for applicants who have completed study at another institution; results from a Foundation programme; or education and training background for students being considered for entry to the university under Special Admission. The personal circumstances of applicants will also be taken into consideration including demonstrated financial hardship, whether the applicant is the first member of their family to attend a university, and their motivation to succeed at University (see Notes I-II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee) and two senior academic staff from

the Faculty of Education and Social Work appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.
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, 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 Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
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 31 January in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- II. For the purposes of this Award, 'first in family' to attend university means the first member of their family, including siblings and parents, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step siblings and parents are included where they have lived with the applicant for five or more years.*
- III. 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.*
- IV. Recipients of a William, Betty and Jill Bell 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 a William, Betty and Jill Bell Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*