

Ralph & Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarship

Code:	779
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Full-time enrolment in the first year of a degree programme at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	9 October 2025
Tenure:	Duration of first undergraduate degree
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to ten
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$6,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2014 and is funded by the Ralph & Eve Seelye Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist school leavers from high Equity Index number or decile 1-3 schools who have the potential to succeed at the University of Auckland and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Ralph & Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarship.
2. Up to ten Scholarships will be awarded annually, each of the value of up to \$6,000 per annum for the duration of the students' first undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Of the ten Scholarships, up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending De La Salle College and up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually to students attending McAuley High School, provided there are applicants of sufficient merit.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand (see Note II), ii) currently enrolled in their last year of study (see Note III) at a high Equity Index number or decile 1-3 New Zealand secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol in a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year. Māori and Pacific applicants intending to enrol in a Certificate in Health Sciences with a clear indication of intention to enrol in an undergraduate degree programme in their second year of study may also be considered for the Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need and motivation to succeed at University as assessed by a personal statement, the criteria at Note IV and a community reference, and academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), a representative of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, in Semester One and Two each year, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment, (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee), except those from De La Salle College and McAuley High School who will receive payment as a fees credit. In the event that the tuition fees have already been covered by any fee-paying scheme, scholarship or award, the Scholarship may be paid out in two equal lump instalments in Semesters One and Two.
7. To be paid the first year of the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 180, a CIE rank score of at least 190 or an IB score of at least 27, and ii) be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or Certificate in Health Sciences.
8. To remain in payment of the Scholarship, awardees must i) maintain a full-time degree programme of study at the University of Auckland, and ii) achieve a grade point average of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study (see Note VIII). Awardees who commenced study in a Certificate in Health Sciences are required to enrol in undergraduate degree programme in their second year of study to remain in payment of the Scholarship.
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including faculties and Large Scale Research Institutes (LSRIs), or University Research Centres (URCs)), excluding a Tier 2 or Tier 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers, or a University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
10. The University of Auckland Council (in consultation with the Donor) has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Dean.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 October of the year preceding the award.
15. Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- III. *The last year of study at secondary school or kura may be year 12 or 13.*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal financial circumstances.*
- V. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*

- VI. *If an awardee enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- VII. *If an awardee changes programme during their Scholarship tenure, the Scholarship will remain active provided the awardee remains enrolled in full-time undergraduate study and maintains satisfactory academic progress. Awardees must notify the Scholarships Office in writing of the change in programme as soon as the programme change has been approved. Deferrals for students who have commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- VIII. *For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients' grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- IX. *Where an awardee does not achieve a GPA of 3.00 in any semester, their eligibility to retain the Scholarship will be reviewed, taking into account their overall GPA for the semester and any exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control.*
- X. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*