

Sanders Memorial Scholarship

Code:	107
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First year of any full-time undergraduate degree or conjoint degree programme
Closing date:	9 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance to children of members of the Navy or the Mercantile Marine Service
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

A sum of money has been generously placed at the disposal of the University of Auckland Council by the Trustees of the Sanders Memorial Fund upon the condition that the income arising from such fund will be employed in the provision and maintenance of Scholarships for the benefit of children of members of the Mercantile Marine Service or of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country and who are ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District.

This Scholarship will be a memorial to the late Lt. Commander W. E. Sanders, VC, DSO, RN. Lt. Commander Sanders was granted the Victoria Cross in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry, consummate coolness, and skill in command of one of His Majesty's ships in action. He was drowned in 1917 when his ship, the Prize (one of the 'mystery' or 'Q' ships) was lost with all hands as the result of an engagement with one or more enemy submarines. In 1998 the Scholarship's fund was augmented by Professor Graham Simpson, a former Sanders Memorial Scholar.

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 will be known as the Sanders Memorial Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of \$5,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be the child of persons who are or have been members of the Royal Navy or of the Navy of any Commonwealth country or of the Mercantile Marine Service of any such Commonwealth country; ii) be ordinarily resident in the Auckland Provincial District; iii) have not reached the age of nineteen (19) years on 1 February in the year of the award (see Note I); iv) have not kept terms or attended lectures in any University; and v) be intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree in the following year.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational

Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, and the applicant's study and career aspirations as assessed by a personal statement.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee).
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, 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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must i) have achieved admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) be enrolled full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree. To be paid the second instalment, the awardee must have achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B-average) in Semester One.
8. The Scholarship 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Department.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[III] 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. Applicants who have themselves served in the Navy or Mercantile Marine Service may be aged nineteen years or over at the time of application for the Scholarship.*
- III. 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.*