Swedlund Music Scholarship

Code: 258
Faculty: Arts and Education
Applicable study: BMus or BMus conjoint degree
Closing date: 27 May 2026
Tenure: One Year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 1999 by the late Bernie Swedlund in memory of his wife, the late Anne Swedlund. It commemorates their long-standing interest in the work of the School of Music at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and the intention of the Scholarship is to assist undergraduate Music students.

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 Swedlund Music Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be available annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $8,000. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in any year of a Bachelor of Music (BMus) or BMus conjoint degree in the School of Creative Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.00 (4.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note I).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note I), the applicant’s musical potential and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note II.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Music Discipline Director (or nominee), and two academic staff members nominated by the Music Discipline Director.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a BMus or BMus conjoint degree. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least two Music courses each semester to be paid the Scholarship. Payment will be pro-rated for part-time study.

8. 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).
9. 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.
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 of a Scholar from the Music Discipline Director.
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. 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 27 May in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic achievement for students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the Admissions grade point equivalent (GPE). Academic achievement for students enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the grade point average (GPA) obtained over the first year of study. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree 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. 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. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.

III. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

IV. 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.