

# Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents

<b>Code:</b>	758
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree
<b>Closing date:</b>	27 March 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to Two
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$2,000

## Description

The Award was established in 2013 and is funded by Alia Gray.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist students who became parents in their teens and who are currently raising a young child while studying to complete their degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, 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 Selection Committee

## Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Tertiary Study Support Award for Parents.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$2,000 in total. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years and may hold the Award for up to three years.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) have become a parent in their teens, and iii) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III), the applicant's motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV. Consideration may be given to students who are recent school leavers and raising a young child.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
6. The Award will be paid in one lump sum upon award.
7. The Award 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 Award.

8. 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.
9. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
10. 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 Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The tax-free status of this Award 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. For the purposes of this Award, 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, or any year of a postgraduate 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).*
- IV. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*