

The Salvation Army Marie Fitness Endowment Scholarship

Code:	781
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	Undergraduate study in Medicine (MBChB) or Pharmacy (BPharm) at the University of Auckland in any year
Closing date:	Not available for 2024
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$6,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2014 and is funded by the Marie Fitness Endowment through The Salvation Army.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support young people with demonstrated financial hardship and who are from an underprivileged background to study medicine or pharmacy at the University of Auckland. The Scholarship is also open to eligible students from the University of Otago, who should apply through the University of Otago's Scholarships Office.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee short-lists the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Salvation Army BCM Academic Board

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as The Salvation Army Marie Fitness Endowment Scholarship.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for up to three years of full-time study towards an undergraduate degree, and will be of the value of up to \$6,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in any year of either a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), or a Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm); or full-time enrolment in either a Certificate in Health Sciences, Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Science where a clear indication is evident of intention and ability to enrol in a MBChB or BPharm in the subsequent year.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who were under the age of 21 years when commencing study.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, childhood under-privilege and potential to succeed in the chosen

academic programme in the professions of Medicine or Pharmacy (see Notes I-III).

6. To maintain the Scholarship the recipient must attain an equivalent GPA of 6.00 (B+ average) each semester.
7. The short-listing of applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee) and the Pro Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee). Final awarding will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Salvation Army BCM Academic Board.
8. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the Donor and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approve.
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 Head of the relevant School or Department.
11. The Selection Committee is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. 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 Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 November in the year preceding the award. Current recipients applying for a second period of funding will be required to re-apply by the closing date.
14. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic merit for students entering Part One is based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students entering Part Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Part Three or subsequent years, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- II. In making a recommendation for these Scholarships the Selection Committee will take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- III. Childhood under-privilege will be determined by factors such as the decile rating of schools attended, family circumstances, eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and financial hardship.*