

Weston First in Family Scholarship

Code:	1096
Faculty:	Business & Economics
Applicable study:	First year of an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	13 October 2026
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Once every three years
Value:	Up to \$8,000 per annum

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by the Weston family, now resident in the UK.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students who are the first member of their family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree in the Business School.

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 Weston First in Family Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded once every three years for a period of up to three years and will be of the value of \$8,000 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school or kura at the time of application, iii) the first in their family to attend a university (see Note III), and iv) enrolling full-time in the first year of their first undergraduate degree in the Business School at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, the applicant's motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Equity and Diversity) of the Business School, and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.
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).

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 their first undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments the awardee must i) remain enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree, and ii) have achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in the previous semester (see V).
8. The Scholarship may not be held with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties or LSRI's), excluding a Tier 2 or 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential 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.
9. 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 Head of Department or School in which the awardee is enrolled.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are 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 directly 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, in consultation with the Donor, 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 13 October in the preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IX] 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. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, 'first in family' means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. *For the purposes of this scholarship, the awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VI. *Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.*
- VII. *Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- VIII. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will be forfeited.*
- IX. *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.*