

William, Betty and Jill Bell Award

Code:	766
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	First year of first undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work
Closing date:	9 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,000

Description

The Award was established in 2014 with a generous donation from Eileen (Sunny) Barnes, a close friend of William and Betty Bell. William and Betty Bell both grew up in the Great Depression and thus had an understanding of financial need.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist a student who has demonstrated the potential to succeed but who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

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 will be known as the William, Betty and Jill Bell Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to \$2,000.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, a candidate must i) be a Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand, and ii) be enrolled, or enrolling, in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school-leavers; results of the most recent year of tertiary education for applicants who have completed study at another institution; results from a Foundation programme; or education and training background for students being considered for entry to the university under Special Admission, and the applicant's personal achievements and all round ability as assessed by a personal statement. The personal circumstances of applicants will also be taken into consideration including financial need, or whether the applicant is the first member of their family to attend a university, if the student comes from a refugee background, if the student has a disability, if the student has care responsibilities for whānau, or if the applicant comes from a rural area (see Notes II to VII).

5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee) and two additional members of academic staff from the Faculty of Education and Social Work appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment in the first semester of enrolment, 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 Award, awardees must i) have met programme entry selection criteria, including University Entrance, and the requirements of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand or the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board, and ii) be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
8. 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.
9. 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.
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 9 October in the year preceeding the award.
12. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- III. *For the purposes of this Award, 'first in family' to attend university means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including siblings and parents, has completed a university qualification. Adoptive and step siblings and parents are included where they have lived with the applicant for five or more years.*
- IV. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- V. *Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*
- VI. *Care responsibilities for whānau/family is defined as providing care for someone close to them who needs help with everyday living because of a health condition or disability to support them to live with dignity and participate more fully in society. Care responsibilities could include looking after relatives in the applicant's immediate family who live in the same household, including children, siblings, parents or grandparents.*
- VII. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin*
- VIII. *Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.*
- IX. *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.*