

Faculty of Law Student Support Award

Code: 1122 Faculty: Law

Applicable study: Undergraduate or Postgraduate study in the Faculty of Law

Closing date: 19 September 2024

Tenure: One year

For: Assistance with study

Number on offer: Four
Offer rate: Biannually

Value: Up to \$2,500 per award

Description

The Award was established in 2021 and is funded by the Faculty of Law Student Support fund.

The main purpose of the Award is to ensure a greater number of talented and deserving students experiencing unexpected financial hardship have the opportunity to fulfil their academic goals of undergraduate or postgraduate study.

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 Faculty of Law Student Support Award.
- 2. Up to 10 Awards will be awarded annually and will be of the value of up to \$2,500 each. Recipients may apply for the Award in subsequent years (see Note I).
- 3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must be enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland.
- 4. The Award is tenable by full-time and part-time, domestic and international students.
- 5. The basis of selection will be financial hardship, the quality of a personal statement outlining how receiving the Award could assist the applicant, and academic achievement (see Notes II to IV).
- The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee
 comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Law (or
 nominee), and the Associate Dean (Equity) of the Faculty of Law (or nominee).
- 7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum.
- 8. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the Faculty of Law.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
- 11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
- 12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 19 September in the year of the award.
- 13. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. While there is no limit on the number of times a student may apply for this Award, it is not intended to fund a complete degree, but to provide short-term relief for students experiencing unexpected financial hardship.
- 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. For the purpose 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) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over all courses completed by the time of application. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the GPA/GPE of all Law courses completed to date. Academic achievement for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV).
- IV. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are studying.
- V. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the award.
- VI. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The 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.