Grace Kay Award

Code: 106  
Faculty: Arts  
Applicable study: BA or BA Conjoint  
Closing date: 4 April 2024  
Tenure: Up to two years  
For: Assistance for women students (see Reg.3)  
Number on offer: Varies  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $4,000 pa

Description

The Award was established in 1993 under the terms of the will of the late Grace Edith Meliora Kay who wished to assist women students to complete the Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview  
- 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 Grace Kay Award.
2. Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $4,000 each. Recipients of the Award may reapply for a second year of funding in the following year (see Notes I and II).
3. The Award is tenable by women students, born and resident in New Zealand and neither younger than 16 years of age nor older than 25 years of age on the date of application (see Note III).
4. The Award may be made to students enrolled full-time at the University of Auckland who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for the degree of Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Arts Conjoint and will already have completed, at the time of application, at least one year’s study for that degree at the University of Auckland.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s financial need (see Notes IV and V). Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), a member of academic staff of the Faculty of Arts, nominated by the Dean, and a representative of the Trustee.
7. The Award may be held 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 recipient 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 Award will be paid in two equal lump sums, in Semester One and Semester Two.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Trustee, has the power to 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 4 April in the year of the Award.

13. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Recipients enrolled in conjoint degrees will receive 50% of the entitlement.

II. Current holders of the Grace Kay Award must reapply if they wish to be considered for a second year of funding.

III. Applicants will be asked to authorise the Scholarships Office to view their birth certificate or New Zealand passport copy that was provided to the University of Auckland with their application for admission.

IV. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolling in their second year of study will be 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 their third or subsequent year, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study.

V. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

VI. 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.

VII. Recipients of a Grace Kay Award 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 situation. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Grace Kay Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.