



The University of Auckland Scholarships and Awards

for School-Leaver and First-Year Students 2021



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Timeline for applying for the University of Auckland school-leaver scholarships and awards

We know that applying for scholarships and awards can feel overwhelming, so we have provided a timeline below to help you complete your application(s) by the closing date.



- Online applications open
 - Start thinking about what leadership experience, achievements in academic, sports or arts competitions, examples of recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring you can include in your application
 - Collate supporting evidence of your achievements such as certificates, letters and newspaper/school newsletter articles
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- Decide who you are going to ask to be your endorser
 - Ask them to confirm if they are happy to be your endorser and confirm they will be able to provide your endorsement by the closing date
 - Provide your endorser with evidence of your achievements so that they can verify them in their endorsement
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- Check your endorser has submitted their endorsement
 - If not, now is the time for you to follow up with your endorser and make sure they are aware their endorsement must be submitted before the closing date
 - You must allow your endorser enough time to write you an endorsement
 - Aim to submit your application(s) at least one week before the closing date. You will receive an automated email confirming that each application has been submitted successfully
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- Applications close with the Scholarships Office at 5pm
 - Remember, late applications cannot be accepted
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- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications via email no later than Monday 12 October 2020. Please do not contact our office asking about your application prior to this date



A warm welcome to the University of Auckland

If you'll soon be finishing school, it's fair to say that you'll have a lot to think about. Deciding on your next move after school can seem a little overwhelming at first.

In a world of increasing global opportunity, we want to help you to boost your life and career prospects. A qualification from an internationally renowned university will bring you closer to achieving your goals.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university. Our degrees are respected internationally, and our graduates are highly employable in national and global workplaces. We offer an extremely wide variety of subjects, continuing to diversify our array of undergraduate programmes by adding new and innovative degree experiences.

During your time here, you'll learn from outstanding teachers, many of whom are global leaders in their field. Many of our academics are also energetic entrepreneurs. In addition you will be studying in a University that is recognised as the world leaders in sustainability against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Our University is about more than just gaining a qualification. Auckland City shines with opportunity. It offers a kaleidoscope of experiences that will help to shape your future. Think about the thrill of living in New Zealand's biggest and most diverse city, the life-long friends you'll make, the clubs you'll join, the life skills you'll master, and the memories you'll cherish for years to come.

Success with us is just the beginning. We look forward to welcoming you in 2021.

Dawn Freshwater

Vice-Chancellor

The University of Auckland

Introduction

Why should I apply for a Scholarship?

If you are a new student enrolling at the University of Auckland, then regardless of your background or where you live you may be eligible for a scholarship.

Each year the University of Auckland awards more than \$56 million in scholarships at all levels of study. More than 400 of these awards are available for school-leavers.

Scholarships are a great way to kick-start your tertiary education. The exact benefits will depend on the type of scholarship you are awarded and your personal circumstances. However, with financial assistance, the cost

of your education will be reduced — whether it's funds towards accommodation, tuition fees or other expenses. This could mean a reduced student loan, or perhaps it could remove the need for a part-time job.

If your financial situation is difficult, a scholarship or award may make the difference between actually being able to study at university or not.

Am I eligible for a scholarship?

You could qualify for a scholarship if you:

- Have demonstrated academic excellence at school.
- Are a high-achieving Māori or Pacific student.
- Have shown academic ability, but you are experiencing hardship or you may have been disadvantaged due to your personal circumstances.

Many faculties also offer scholarships for school-leavers from specific backgrounds, and for new students starting a particular course of study. Please refer to the list of school-leaver scholarships and awards on our website at

<http://auckland.ac.nz/schoolleavers>



University of Auckland scholarships for school-leavers

The University of Auckland has four main scholarships for school-leavers:

The University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

- Up to 250 of these scholarships are awarded annually.
- Up to \$20,000 for one year, comprising a guaranteed place in a University of Auckland hall of residence and two lump sum payments.
- The basis of selection is outstanding academic ability, demonstrated leadership potential, achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions, recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring.
- View the regulations for these scholarships [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, 2 September 2020.

The University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship

- Up to 25 of these awards are made annually.
- Up to \$20,000 paid over three years comprising a guaranteed funded place in a University of Auckland hall of residence in the first year and four lump sum payments in the second and third years.
- Awards are based on academic ability, cultural participation in Māori contexts, demonstrated leadership potential, achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions, recognition within the community, motivation to attend and likelihood to succeed at a research-led University.
- View the regulations for these scholarships [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, 2 September 2020.

The University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship

- Up to 25 of these awards are made annually.
- Up to \$20,000 paid over three years comprising a guaranteed funded place in a University of Auckland hall of residence in the first year and four lump sum payments in the second and third years.

- Awards are based on academic ability, cultural participation in Pacific contexts, demonstrated leadership potential, achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions, recognition within the community, motivation to attend and likelihood to succeed at a research-led University.
- View the regulations for these scholarships [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, 2 September 2020.

The University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship

- Up to 100 of these awards are made annually. In order to make as many awards as we can to deserving students, this scholarship has three different values, each of which is called a Tier.
- Up to \$20,000 paid over three years for Tier 1 scholarships, including a guaranteed place in a University of Auckland hall of residence in the first year.
- Up to \$10,000 paid over three years for Tier 2 scholarships.
- Up to \$6,000 paid over three years for Tier 3 scholarships.
- The basis of selection is academic ability and the personal circumstances of applicants including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school attended, if the applicant is the first in their family to attend university, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the applicant has a disability or if the applicant resides in a rural area.
- Students who are currently enrolled in a University of Auckland pathway programme are also eligible to apply for these scholarships. Approved University of Auckland pathway programmes are: Certificate of Health Sciences, Tertiary Foundation Certificate, Foundation Certificate Education.
- View the regulations for these awards [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, 2 September 2020.

The University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship

- One year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence
- A laptop to keep
- For Māori students in their current year of secondary school or kura in Te Tai Tokerau; Tāmaki Makaurau; Te Tai Rāwhiti; Waiauiki or Waikato
- The basis of selection is academic ability and endorsement from your school or kura
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close at 10am on Monday 21 September

The University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

- One year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence
- A laptop to keep
- For Pacific students in their current year of secondary school in Auckland
- The basis of selection is academic ability and endorsement from your school or kura
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close at 10am on Monday 21 September

In addition, Faculty Awards may be given to high-achieving, but unsuccessful applicants for the above scholarships. These awards recognise academic ability and/or achievement in subjects relevant to the degree. Students do not apply directly for the Faculty Awards, but must apply for one of the six University of Auckland Scholarships above.

A guide to completing your online application

Once you have completed your Application for Admission to the University of Auckland, you will be able to access our scholarship application system and apply for a scholarship for your first year of study.

Once you have decided which scholarship or award you believe you are eligible for, you need to apply via our online scholarships application system.

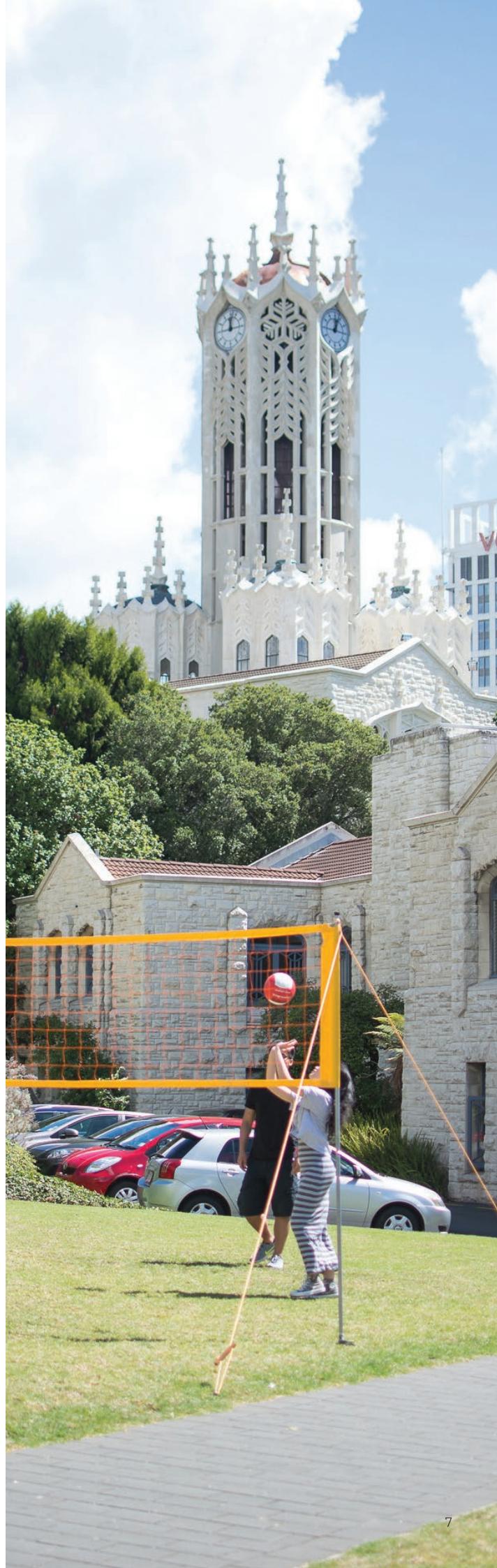
To check your eligibility, you can read the regulations for each scholarship and see which scholarships match your personal circumstances.

On the page you will see a blue “Apply here” button for the scholarship you are looking at, which is next to a link to the scholarship regulations. The “Apply here” button will only be visible if the particular scholarship or award is open for application. Click on the “Apply here” button to begin the online application form.

In the application form you will complete a variety of sections containing questions specific to the scholarship for which you are applying. You may be able to apply for more than one scholarship in the same form. Over the next few pages there are more details on the sections you can expect to see in your application form, and some tips on how to complete them. Remember to save your entries and exit the application before leaving your computer. There may be a short delay while your entries are saving, so it's a good idea to always check the browser has stopped updating before you close the application.

Tip: If this is not your first scholarship application, you can use the ‘Import Responses from Existing Applications’ button on the top right of your screen to import your responses to any matching questions from a similar scholarship application.

It is best to import from an application you recently filled in so your information will be up to date, and we recommend you take this action before you fill in any sections on the subsequent application/s. If you have already completed any of the matching questions in this form, your answers will be overwritten. You will need to review the imported answers (and update them, where required) once the import has taken place. It takes a couple of minutes to transfer the data. Please do not refresh or close the page while this action is taking place.



Online Application Contents

The online application has the following sections (which may differ between scholarships):

1. Personal Details
2. Additional Personal Factors
3. Secondary School Study
4. Intended Study
5. Personal Achievements
6. Financial Details (if applicable)
7. Accommodation
8. Declaration of Ethnicity
9. Cultural Leadership (if applicable)
10. Request for Endorsement
11. Other Awards, Scholarships and Grants
12. Conditions of Application and Awarding
13. Declaration for Application

If you encounter a problem with the online application form, email the Scholarships Office at scholarships@auckland.ac.nz. Please be sure to include your name, University of Auckland ID number, the name of the scholarship or award you are applying for, and a screen shot of the problem as this will enable us to resolve your enquiry as quickly as possible.

1. Personal Details

This section will auto-populate using the details that you provided when you completed your Application for Admission to the University of Auckland.

2. Additional Personal Factors

This section will ask you to provide accurate information regarding your personal circumstances, such as any disability you may have, whether you come from a refugee background if you come from a rural area or will be the first member of your immediate family to attend a university.

3. Secondary School Study

The online application form for these scholarships and awards will include a section about your current and previous education.

If you are undertaking NCEA or CIE, you do not need to provide your academic transcript. Instead, you will be asked to give your consent for the University of Auckland to access your Level 2 or higher results from your previous year of school directly from NZQA or the Cambridge International Examinations board. All data is kept strictly confidential and is only made accessible to the relevant Scholarships Office review committee. Without your consent we will not be able to progress the application you have started for a scholarship or award.

If you have previously studied or are currently studying under any other educational system, such as the International Baccalaureate (IB), then your predicted or actual academic results will need to be provided and/or verified by your school principal or their authorised nominee.

4. Intended Study

This section asks you to indicate your preferred programme of study at the University of Auckland.

You will also be asked to select your intended start term. If you are not intending to commence your studies next year, please refer to the regulations for the scholarship or award you are applying for to check that your intended start term is permitted.

5. Personal Achievement

You will be asked to provide information about your involvement in the following areas:

- Academic competitions
- Sports competitions
- Art competitions

- Sports coaching
- Community productions and exhibitions
- External examinations
- School leadership
- External leadership programmes
- Academic mentoring
- Community-based awards and community involvement

Your school endorser will be asked to verify all statements made by you. You will not be able to make any changes to your answers once your endorser has submitted their response.

6. Financial Details

If you are applying for a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship, you may be required to provide details of your financial situation. Before you apply, we recommend you check the [StudyLink calculator](#) to see if you might be eligible for a StudyLink Student Allowance. Awardees for this scholarship will normally also be eligible for a Student Allowance.

The University of Auckland understands that this information can be sensitive and we can assure you and your family that it will be treated in confidence. The only people who will view this information are members of the Review Committee for this scholarship and authorised Scholarships Office staff. Requesting this information ensures that the recipients chosen have genuine financial need and the selection process is fair to all applicants.

The Financial Details section is split in to the following parts:

Family Information

You will be asked to detail your financial concerns, including your family's combined parental income and the number and ages of your siblings (if you have any).

Student Allowance/Student Loan Details

You will be asked if you are eligible for a StudyLink Student Allowance or if you intend on applying for a Student Loan for living costs and/or tuition fees.

Additional Details

This section has a series of check boxes asking you to confirm further details such as whether your family has a family trust and whether you will be applying for accommodation in a hall of residence at the University of Auckland.

All the above sections are mandatory, and you will need to complete them in full to be able to submit your application.

7. Accommodation

All applicants are required to make a separate application for University accommodation. Where accommodation is offered as part of the scholarship, awardees will be guaranteed fully catered accommodation within a University hall of residence. It is a requirement of the scholarship that those offered accommodation take up that place in University accommodation.

8. Declaration of Ethnicity

Select the option that you most identify with and answer the series of questions as accurately as possible. If you identify as having Māori and/or Pacific descent, you will need to provide details of someone in your community who can verify your ethnicity. This person should be Kaumatua, Marae representative or authorised person at your Iwi Runanga, Professional person from your community (e.g. pastor/priest, lawyer, doctor, school staff member). You will be asked to nominate your chosen verifier in your online application form and to provide their name and email address. This will trigger an email, requesting them to complete a confidential verification form for you.

If you identify as both Māori and Pacific, you can apply for both the Māori Academic Excellence and the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarships. However should you be chosen for both, you will need to choose which scholarship you would prefer to hold. (They are identical in value and payment structure).

9. Cultural Leadership

If you are applying for a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship or University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship you will be asked about your cultural leadership and participation over the last two years. Your certifier will be asked to verify all statements made by you. You will not be able to make any changes to your answers once your endorser has submitted their response.

10. Request for Endorsement and References

Once you have decided which scholarship or award you wish to apply for, you will need to ask someone to verify the information you provided.

There are two different types that might be requested, depending on which scholarship or award you are applying for:

Community Reference (Academic Potential Scholarship only):

This is to be completed by a professional person such as teacher, doctor, counsellor, church minister, school dean or careers adviser who has had first-hand knowledge of you over a number of years, and is not a relative or friend. You will be asked to nominate your chosen Community Referee in your online application form and to provide their name and email address, in case we need to follow up on any details.

School Endorser:

This person should be your principal or their nominee (associate/assistant/deputy principal, dean, careers adviser or a teacher). Your School Endorser will be asked to verify that the information you provided on your application is correct. If the information is not correct, a field is available for them to provide further details.

The School Endorser will not be required to write a reference. If you have any extra-curricular achievements that were not undertaken at school, you will need to produce evidence of these achievements and show these to your school endorser as soon as possible, so that they can verify these achievements for you. It is important to choose a school staff member who can vouch for your school achievements. This person cannot be a family member or relative. You will be asked to nominate your chosen School Endorser in your online application form and to provide their name and email address. This will trigger an email, requesting them to complete a confidential verification form for you. The Scholarships Office will not accept any documents sent directly from a student; all endorsements must be made by your nominated School Endorser.

Late endorsements will not be accepted, so please ensure that you give your nominated School Endorser sufficient time to complete their verification.

If you need to change your School Endorser after you have nominated them, you can nominate another appropriate person, or referee, or verifier, using the same process you previously used in nominating the original endorser. That person will no longer have access to your application once you nominate someone else.

In exceptional circumstances, if you require a new person after a form has already been submitted on your behalf, you will need to contact the Scholarships Office for assistance. Please email scholarships@auckland.ac.nz with your name, ID Number and the scholarship you are applying for in the subject line.

You will not be able to submit your application(s) until all sections are completed; it is your responsibility to follow up and ensure this is done by the deadline date. Due to the number of applications that the University of Auckland receives for these scholarships, we are unable to follow up on individual references that are missing from applications.

11. Other Awards, Scholarships and Grants

In this section you will be asked to provide information about any awards, scholarships or grants you have received or will be receiving to support you in your first year of study at university. Also include information about other scholarships you have applied for (within the University of Auckland or through external funding agencies).

12. Conditions of Application and Awarding

Please read this carefully before you agree. This section explains the terms and conditions of the scholarship or award, including the academic requirements to take up and maintain it if successful. It also outlines the University of Auckland's rights to verify any information you have provided in accordance with the Privacy Act.

13. Declaration for Application

This section requires you to declare that all information in your application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and that no relevant information has been withheld.





FAQs

Eligibility

Q. Can I apply if I am not a Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand?

No, only New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents can be considered.

Note that if you are an applicant for a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship, you must be eligible for a StudyLink Student Allowance which is only awarded to students who have been resident in New Zealand for 3 years. Please refer to the [StudyLink website](#) for the most current information about residency requirements for the StudyLink Student Allowance.

Q. Are these scholarships only open to students still at school?

The University of Auckland Top Achiever, Māori Academic Excellence and Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarships are only open to final-year school students. The University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship is open to final-year school students, as well as students currently enrolled in named University of Auckland pathway programmes.

Q. I am currently a high school student but plan to take a gap year. Do I apply this year or next year?

You must apply while you are in your final year of school at a New Zealand secondary school. You cannot be considered if you apply during your gap year or at any other time after you have left school.

Q. I am currently a Year 13 student and will be undertaking the Young Scholars Programme. Will I still be eligible to apply?

Yes. Study in this programme does not affect your eligibility.

Q. I did not study in a New Zealand school last year. Can I still apply?

As long as you have studied at a New Zealand secondary school up to Year 11 and are studying either CIE or IB in the year of application you can apply for one of these scholarships. However you will need to upload a transcript of your results from your previous school in your application(s).

Q. How do I know what tier of Academic Potential Scholarship to apply for?

Although there are three different tiers and values of award, you make one application for the Academic Potential Scholarship, not for each different value of award. We will advise successful applicants what tier of scholarship they have been awarded.

Q. What are the approved pathway programmes for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship?

Approved University of Auckland pathway programmes include: Certificate of Health Sciences, Tertiary Foundation Certificate.

Q. I am currently enrolled in a University of Auckland pathway programme. Can I apply for any of the University of Auckland first-year scholarships?

You are eligible to apply only for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. Students enrolled in a New Start programme are eligible to apply for the Peter Kermode Scholarship. Students enrolled in the Tertiary Foundation Certificate can apply for the Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students.

Application

Q. What is the closing date for the University of Auckland scholarships in 2020?

The closing date is 5pm on 2 September 2020

Note that all applications require at least one endorsement, and that late applications cannot be accepted.

Q. Where can I find the scholarship application form(s)?

Application forms for the suite of entry-level scholarships will be available on the University of Auckland Scholarships [website](#). Note: all applicants are required to Apply for Admission to the University prior to applying for a scholarship for the first time.

Q. Why do I need to complete an Application for Admission before I can submit an application for a scholarship?

Completing an [Application for Admission](#) gives the University key details that will enable us to uniquely identify you in future communications you have with us. You will also be asked to apply for one or more programmes of study — don't worry if you change your mind. You can update the information at any point prior to the closing dates for application to those programmes.



Q. In the Application for Admission, I'm asked to indicate my intended programme of study. I'm unsure at this stage of what this will be as I have not received my final Year 13 exam results. Can I change this later?

Yes you can — this information is just an indication for us. Once you have submitted an Application for Admission you can add or change the programmes you are applying for by simply logging back into your Application for Admission online.

Q. Why am I asked to provide intended programme of study when I apply for a scholarship?

This information helps us to identify applicants who may be eligible for other scholarships such as faculty-specific awards (i.e. those awarded by nomination).

Q. What happens if I change my intended programme of study?

Don't worry — you can apply for multiple degree programmes, not just one. If you need to, you can change both your programme selection in your Application for Admission to the University and your scholarship application, up until the respective closing dates.

Q. I want to take a gap year next year. Can I still apply?

Yes, you must apply for these scholarships while you are in your final year of school. In the "Intended Study" section of the application form, make sure you choose the relevant option in the drop-down menu for the year you intend to enter university for the first time.

Q. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Absolutely. We encourage you to apply for all scholarships that you think you would be eligible for. You will need to complete a separate application for each scholarship you wish to apply for.

Q. When will I be notified the outcome of my scholarship application?

The outcomes for the entry-level scholarships will be notified by 12 October 2020. Please do not contact our office asking about your application prior this date. Everyone who submits a completed application by the closing date will be sent an email advising the outcome.

Q. If my application is unsuccessful, is there anything else I can apply for?

Yes, there is a range of scholarships, each with different criteria, and varying closing dates across the year. It is very likely that some other scholarships will be applicable to you — if not right now, then over the next few months or year or so as you get further advanced in your studies.

We encourage you to keep an eye on the scholarships website, where new scholarships are added regularly.

You should aim to apply for any scholarship that you think you are eligible for.

Online Application Process:

Q. I can't access the online application form for my scholarship. What should I do?

Try the following:

- Close your browser and [clear the cache](#). Reopen the browser and try again. If you have the option, try another browser type and/or another computer such as a school computer. Older versions of browsers that have not been updated may not work well with our software.
- Make sure you do not have more than one scholarship application form open in your browser at any time. If you want to apply for a second scholarship and need to check what you wrote in the previous one, open

the other application form in a different browser.

- Check you have submitted your Application for Admission to the University. (When you log into your Application for Admission, the status should display as "Submitted").
- If none of these options clear the problem please contact the Scholarships Office at scholarships@auckland.ac.nz and include:
 - Your name
 - Your University of Auckland 9-digit ID number
 - The name of the scholarship you are applying for
 - The name of the internet browser you are using

Please include a screenshot showing the error message you are seeing. If it is within 10 days of the closing date, please mark your query "Urgent".

Q. My nominated endorser is unable to provide me with an endorsement. Can I change this person?

If your endorser has advised you that they are unable to provide our endorsement before the closing date, then you will need to identify an alternative endorser and nominate them using the same process used with nominating the original endorser.

Q. My endorser cannot access the link in the email for my application. Can I email their endorsement to you?

We cannot accept endorsements sent by students on behalf of their endorser. If your endorser is having problems accessing or submitting their endorsement, they need to email the Scholarships Office (scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) including your name and the scholarship you applied for in the subject line. Please advise them to mark the email "Urgent".

Q. What if the email address for my chosen endorser has changed?

You can update their email address in the Request section and resend the request. If you have trouble doing this, please contact the Scholarships Office as soon as possible.

Q. What if my endorsements are sent in late?

You will not be able to submit your online application if all sections (including your Request section) are not 100% complete. It is your responsibility to check in with your endorser(s) and make sure they know they must complete your endorsement before the scholarship closing date.

Q. I have completed my application but I am unable to submit it.

You will only be able to submit your application when all your endorsements have been received and all sections show as 100% completed. It is your responsibility to follow up with your endorsers(s) to ensure that endorsements are submitted before the closing date. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Q. I studied a mixture of NCEA and another qualification system (e.g. CIE or IB). Which do I put down in my application?

Identify which system you primarily studied under last year (Year 12) and be sure to select the other system from the drop-down menu in the 'Alternative Qualification Type' question.

Q. What will my school be asked to do if I apply for a scholarship?

When you have completed all the details you need to provide in the online scholarship application form, you will then be prompted to send your application to the senior member of staff at your school who is going to be your endorser. That person will receive an online summary of your application. They will need to check this carefully, and confirm to us that the information you have supplied is correct. This needs to be done before

you can submit your application. It's important that you allow enough time for your school to do this, and that it is done well in advance of the scholarship closing date.

Q. Who should I ask to be the endorser for the 'School Endorser' in my application(s)?

The school endorsement should be provided by your principal or their nominee (associate/assistant/deputy principal, dean, careers adviser). It's important that you talk to them before you begin your application and that they have agreed to be your endorser before you nominate them in the scholarship application. You will need to provide them with evidence of any achievements you list in your application, so they can verify this information in their endorsement.

Q. Can I change some of the information that I have included in my application?

Information can be edited, but only up to the point where you enter the email address of your endorser and send them the request to complete an endorsement for you. After that, you will not be able to edit this section. It will be greyed out. You need to take care to double- check your application before nominating your endorser.

General Questions:

Q. What if I change my mind about what I have said I am going to study after I have made my scholarship application?

First of all, don't worry! We know that you will be considering different options. So if you are awarded a scholarship, and you subsequently change your mind about the programme you applied for, this won't affect your scholarship. But please do bear in mind that you do need to meet the entry requirements for the programme you wish to study, and that you need to apply for that programme by the advertised closing date.

Q. If I apply for an Academic Potential Scholarship, how will I know how much money I will receive?

The outcome of your application will depend on your academic performance, personal circumstances and your achievements. It will also depend on the number and type of applications we receive. So we are unable to tell anyone in advance how much money they are likely to be awarded, if successful. However, we do have minimum academic requirements for each of the three tiers of award, and those details are on our website. In addition, students with proven financial need will be given priority for Tier 1 and Tier 2 awards.

Q. I have been offered a Tier 1 or Tier 2 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship, so why do I need to provide my Student Allowance details to take up the scholarship?

Tier 1 and Tier 2 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarships are designed to assist students with proven financial need to study at university. It is a requirement of the regulations that awardees provide the Scholarships Office with a copy of their StudyLink Student Allowance letter to confirm they have met the financial circumstances criteria necessary to take up these scholarships.

Q. Can I defer my scholarship/award because I don't want to start University in the year of offer?

Deferrals are usually not granted unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control. If you wish to be considered, you will need to apply to the Scholarships Office (scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) outlining your circumstances.

Q. If I currently live in Auckland, will I still be expected to stay in a hall of residence?

Yes. The University wants scholarship students to enjoy the many benefits of living in a hall of residence in your first year. It's a great opportunity to enjoy student life, make new friends and live in the centre of the city. You'll be in a safe location, with amenities on your doorstep, and no travel costs or hassles. All of this puts you in a great position to continue to achieve well in your studies.



Q. If I receive one of the scholarships that pays my accommodation costs in a hall of residence, do I need to pay my deposit and move-in fees?

The scholarship will pay the deposit. Your move-in costs (as specified by [Accommodation Office](#)) may also be paid by your scholarship.

Q. When will I receive payment of my scholarship?

All scholarships involving direct credit payments will be paid in Week 3 of Semesters 1 and 2. This will follow checks to confirm you are enrolled full time (over both semesters) and that you have met the grade point average (GPA) requirements of your scholarship.

Q. I am enrolling in Summer School as a first-year student. Can I get paid my scholarship early?

No. Your scholarship payments cannot commence until you have met the full requirements for admission to your programme of study and your Year 13 results have been released. This does not occur until mid to late January, after Summer School has started.

Q. What happens if I have not met the grade point average (GPA) requirements of my scholarship?

If you do not meet the GPA requirements to take up your scholarship — based on your Year 13 results, or if you don't do well in a semester while at university — you will not be eligible to be paid for one or more semesters and may lose your scholarship. An information sheet is provided to all awardees, which explains this further.



Other funding sources

Universities New Zealand

Universities New Zealand — Te Pōkai Tara (formerly the New Zealand Vice Chancellors Committee) administers a range of scholarships on behalf of the universities in New Zealand. For information on all scholarships, visit the [Universities NZ](#) website.

External Scholarships

The University of Auckland has a web page detailing scholarships and grants that are funded and administered by external parties, which University of Auckland students are eligible to apply for. [Click here](#) for more information.

Scholarships for International Students

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand or Australia, please contact the [International Office](#) for information on admission, enrolment and scholarships.

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

The University of Auckland has a range of scholarship opportunities for students with disabilities. The Equity Office has produced an [e-Book](#) that provides a comprehensive list of disability-specific scholarships and awards available to University of Auckland students, including school-leavers.



Useful links

We have included some links below that we think are useful for entry-level and first-year students looking to study at the University of Auckland.

Accommodation — everything you need to know about applying for student accommodation at the University of Auckland

AT Hop card — apply for a Student AT Hop card for discounts on Auckland's public transport network

Enrolment — assistance with the application, admission and enrolment processes

Fees and Money Matters — everything you need to know about financing your study including student loans and allowances, budgeting advice and undergraduate fees

International Students — information for international students who are thinking about attending the University of Auckland

Living and studying in Auckland — everything you need to know about living in Auckland and studying at the University of Auckland

Māori Student Support — information for Māori students

Pacific Student Support — information for Pacific students

Parents and Family — information for parents and caregivers and information about the Schools Partnerships Office

Student Disability Services — support for students with a range of impairments to succeed and excel within the University

Student Learning Services — provides opportunities for students to improve their academic performance and study skills

StudyLink — detailed information about student loans and allowances and how to apply

Tuākana — a mentoring and tutoring programme for Māori and Pacific students to help them transition to University and achieve academically

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