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# Scholarships and Awards

for School-Leaver and First-Year Students 2023



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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.

18 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Online applications open.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Collate supporting evidence of your achievements such as certificates, letters and newspaper/school newsletter articles.</li> <li>▪ Start completing your application.</li> </ul>
28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Join us for online Information Evening.</li> </ul>
July/early August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Decide who you are going to ask to endorse your application.</li> <li>▪ Confirm with them that they are happy to be your endorser and can complete this by the closing date. This involves providing them with evidence of your achievements so that they can be verified.</li> <li>▪ Allow your endorser enough time to write you an endorsement.</li> </ul>
Mid-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Now is the time for you to follow up with your endorser to make sure it will be submitted by the closing date.</li> <li>▪ Aim to submit your application(s) at least one week before the closing date. You will receive an automated email once your application has been submitted successfully.</li> </ul>
24 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applications close with the Scholarships Office at 5pm.</li> </ul>
Late-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scholarships Office begins assessing applications.</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applications are considered by a Selection Committee.</li> </ul>
Early-October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You can expect to receive the outcome of your application no later than Monday 11 October 2021.</li> <li>▪ This will be sent to the email address you used in your scholarship application.</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you are selected for a scholarship, congratulations!</li> <li>▪ You must accept this offer within two weeks.</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NCEA, CIE, IB results are released.</li> <li>▪ Scholarships Office will check to make sure you have met the requirements for eligibility to take up the Scholarship.</li> <li>▪ At this time, additional scholarships may be offered to applicants who were not successful in October.</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scholarships Office will contact you with information on how your scholarship payments will commence.</li> </ul>



# A warm welcome to Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland

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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.

Waipapa Taumata Rau | 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 2023.

**Dawn Freshwater**

Vice-Chancellor  
The University of Auckland

# Introduction

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## 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 \$60 million in scholarships, prizes and awards at all levels of study. More than 400 of these scholarships are 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 reduce 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.

## Who should apply for a scholarship?

You could be eligible for a school-leaver scholarship if you:

- Are in your final year of secondary school or kura

- Have demonstrated academic excellence at school, as well as participating in extracurricular and/or community activities
- Are a high achieving Māori or Pacific student
- Have shown academic ability, but you are experiencing financial hardship, or you may have been disadvantaged by your personal circumstances

For some scholarships you will only be eligible if you are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, or if you are an international student. You can find this information in the regulations for each scholarship.



# What can I apply for?

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

## University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship\*

- Up to 250 awarded annually
- One year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence and \$4,000 paid in two lump sum payments
- Selected on outstanding academic ability; demonstrated leadership potential; achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions; recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring; and the personal circumstances of applicants including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura 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.
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship\*

- Up to 25 awarded annually
- Paid over three years, comprising one year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence in year one and \$4,000 paid in four lump sum payments in years two and three
- Selected on academic ability, cultural participation in Māori contexts; demonstrated leadership potential; achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions; recognition within the community; and the personal circumstances of applicants including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura 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.
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship\*

- Up to 25 awarded annually
- Paid over three years, comprising one year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence in year one and \$4,000 paid in four lump sum payments in years two and three
- Selected on academic ability, cultural participation in Pacific contexts; demonstrated leadership potential; achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions; recognition within the community; and the personal circumstances of applicants including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura 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.
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School-Leavers\*\*

- Up to 100 awarded annually, across three tiers
- Tier 1 paid over three years, comprising one year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence in year one and \$4,000 paid in four lump sum payments in years two and three
- Tier 2 paid over three years, comprising six lump sum payments, up to a total value of \$10,000
- Tier 3 paid over three years, comprising six lump sum payments, up to total value of \$6,000
- Selected on outstanding academic ability; demonstrated leadership potential; achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions; recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring; and the personal circumstances of applicants including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura 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.

- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship

- One year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence, plus a laptop to keep
- For Māori students completing their final year of secondary school or kura in Te Tai Tokerau, Tāmaki Makaurau, Te Tai Rāwhiti, Waiariki or Waikato
- Selected on academic ability and endorsement from school or kura
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

- One year of catered accommodation in a University of Auckland hall of residence, plus a laptop to keep
- For Pacific Māori students completing their final year of secondary school or kura in Auckland
- Selected on academic ability and endorsement from school or kura
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022

## University of Auckland International School Leaver Scholarship

- Up to ten awarded annually
- A tuition fees credit of up to \$20,000 for the first year of an undergraduate degree
- For international students who attended a New Zealand secondary school
- Selected on academic merit and a personal statement
- View the regulations for the scholarship [here](#)
- Applications close at 5pm, Wednesday 18 January 2023

*\* Applicants will also be considered for Faculty Entry Level Scholarships for the faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Creative Arts and Industries, Engineering, and Science which recognise academic ability and/or achievement in subjects relevant to specific degrees. No application is required.*

*\*\* Students who are currently enrolled in a University of Auckland pathway programme are eligible to apply for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – Pathway Programme Students. View more details [here](#)*

We also have a wide range of scholarships from faculties and external donors. Some scholarships are for particular degree programmes, and some are for school-leavers from specific backgrounds. Our website has more details at <http://auckland.ac.nz/schoolleavers>.

**Q. Can I apply if I am not a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand?**

A. Only citizens and permanent residents of New Zealand can apply for the Top Achiever Scholarship, the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Academic Potential Scholarship, the Academic Potential Scholarship – Pathway Programme Students, the Waka Moana Scholarship and the Vaka Moana Scholarship.

International students currently enrolled at a New Zealand secondary school or kura can apply for the International School Leaver Scholarship.

Each scholarship has its own set of regulations that outlines who is eligible for consideration.

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

A. The Top Achiever Scholarship, the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers, the Waka Moana Scholarship, the Vaka Moana Scholarship and the International School Leaver Scholarship are only open to students currently enrolled in the final year of school. Students enrolled in eligible University of Auckland pathway programmes are able to apply for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – Pathway Programme Students.

## Why stay in accommodation?

Staying in a University of Auckland hall of residence means you are living in the central city, in a safe location, with student services on hand, and the opportunity to build lasting friendships and develop your interests with like-minded students.

As part of your accommodation you get free membership to the University Recreation facilities on the City Campus, including access to a wide range of group fitness classes, weights and cardio equipment.

What's more, living in University accommodation provides an environment that is conducive to your continued academic achievement. Recent studies have shown that students in University accommodation have achieved a higher pass rate, including the number of A grade and course completion rates, than those who are not staying in University accommodation.



# How do I apply?

Before you start your scholarship applications, you will need to apply for admission to at least one programme at the University of Auckland. You can add or change the programme later, if you have not yet confirmed what you want to enrol in for 2023.

Once you have completed the application for admission, you will be able to log into our scholarship application system Community Force within 24 hours. If you are applying close to the application closing date, please bear in mind the increased traffic caused by the volume of applications may result in slower system performance.

There is one application form for the Top Achiever Scholarship, the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, and the Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers. You will be asked which scholarships you want to be considered for, and there may be additional sections to complete based on what you select. All applicants for these three scholarships will also be considered for faculty entry-level scholarships, based on the faculties and programmes you are interested in.

There are separate application forms for the Academic Potential - Pathway Programme Students, and the Waka Moana and Vaka Moana Scholarships, and the International School-Leaver Scholarship.

We encourage you to apply for all scholarships that you think you might be eligible for.

If you are planning to take a gap year for 2023, you will need to apply for scholarships (excluding the International School Leaver Scholarship) while you are still at secondary school or kura.

Once you have selected which scholarship to apply for, you need to click on the blue "Apply now" button on the webpage for that scholarship. The button will only be visible when applications are open.

In the application form you will complete a variety of sections containing questions specific to the scholarship you are applying for. Over the next few pages, there are more details on each of these sections, frequently asked questions and tips on how to complete the form.

Remember to save your entries as you go, so that you don't lose your work if the form times out. If you are required to write any letters or statements, we recommend you write them in a separate document (such as Word or Pages) and then copy and paste into the application form.

## Starting your scholarship application

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

A. Links to the application forms can be found on the webpage for each scholarship:

- Top Achiever Scholarship
- Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers
- Waka Moana Scholarship
- Vaka Moana Scholarship
- International School Leaver Scholarship
- Academic Potential Scholarship - Pathway Programme Students

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

A. Completing an application or admission gives the University key details to support your application for a scholarship. Don't worry if you change your mind on the programme you apply for, you can update your application or add additional applications for admission up until the programme closing date.

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

A. Try the following:

- Check you have submitted your application for admission to the University. The status should display as "Submitted".
- Close your browser and clear the cache. Reopen the browser and try again. If you have the option, try another browser and/or another computer such as a school computer. The best browsers to use for scholarship applications are Chrome and Firefox.
- Make sure you only have one scholarship application form open in your browser at any time.
- If none of these options clear the problem, please email the Scholarships Office at [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto: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
  - A screenshot showing the error message you are seeing.

If it is within ten days of the closing date, please mark the subject of your email "Urgent – Scholarship application [name of scholarship]"







## Personal Details

All online scholarship applications have a Personal Details section. This should auto-populate with the details you have provided in your application for admission to the university.

### **Q. The Personal Details section has not auto-populated, what do I do?**

A. Please email [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto: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

If it is within ten days of the closing date, please mark the subject of your email "Urgent – Scholarship application [name of scholarship]"

## Additional Personal Factors

(Top Achiever Scholarship, Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, and Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers only)

Some scholarship applications will include an Additional Personal Factors section. This section will ask you to indicate whether certain personal circumstances apply to you, such as whether you have a disability, come from a refugee background, come from a rural area, or if you will be the first member of your immediate family to attend a university.

The information you enter in this section will be provided to your endorser for verification. Once you have nominated your endorser, you will not be able to edit this section.

### **Q. Can I still apply for the scholarship if none of the listed personal factors applies to me?**

A. Yes, if you are otherwise eligible for the scholarship, you are encouraged to apply.

## Secondary School Study

Online application forms for all school-leaver scholarships and awards will include a section on 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 study 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 staff and the review committee. Without your consent, we will not be able to progress your application.

If you are undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB), your nominated school endorser will be asked to provide your predicted results.

If you are undertaking study under any other educational system, such as Home Schooling, or if you attended a New Zealand secondary school or kura up until the end of Year 11 and have been studying overseas in an NCEA, IB or CIE programme this year, you will need to upload a pdf copy of your academic transcript to your scholarship application.

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

A. Select all the applicable qualification types that you were undertaking last year (Year 12). If you were studying both NCEA and CIE, tick both boxes.

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

A. As long as you studied at a New Zealand secondary school or kura up to Year 11 and are studying either NCEA, 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 in your application(s).

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

A. Yes, study in this programme does not affect your eligibility.

## 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 enrol at the University of Auckland next year (i.e. planning to take a gap year), please check the regulations for the scholarship or award that you are applying for to check that your intended start term is permitted. In some cases you will need to apply for the scholarship now, and others will allow you to apply closer to your start date.

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

A. This information helps us to identify applicants who may be eligible for other scholarships, such as faculty-specific awards that are awarded by nomination to candidates who have applied for the major scholarships.

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

A. Don't worry, you can apply for multiple degree programmes, not just one. If you need to, you can change your programme selection up until the closing date. If you change your mind after applications have closed, you will still be considered for the scholarship you are applying for, but it might change your eligibility for a faculty-specific scholarship.

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

A. The major scholarships we have focused on in this book require you to apply while you are still in your final year of secondary school or kura. You will not be able to apply for these scholarships once you have left school. There are other scholarships and awards that you can apply for during your gap year or in your first year of study.

## Personal Achievements

(Top Achiever Scholarship, Maori Academic Excellence Scholarship, Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship and Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers only)

In this section, you will be asked to provide information about your involvement in the following areas between January 2020 to now:

- Academic competitions (Examples include, but are not limited to: Maths Olympiad, debating championships, essay writing competitions, Young Enterprise, NZ Interschools Chess Championships)
- Sports competitions (Have you been selected as a representative or participated in the finals of a sports competition at international, national or regional level?)
- Sports coaching or umpiring (Have you been involved in any type of sports coaching or umpiring?)
- Arts competitions (Examples include, but are not limited to: Polyfest, Rockquest, Pacifika by Nature, Stage Challenge, Sheila Winn National Shakespeare Festival, NZ Concert Bands Association, Race Unity Speech Awards, creative writing competitions, song-writing competitions, NZ Schools Hip-Hop Competition, Auckland Secondary School Production Competition, Young Singers in Harmony)
- Visual and Performing Arts (Examples include, but are not limited to: member of a dance company, playing in NZSS orchestra or Youth Symphonic, exhibiting in a community or commercial gallery, an acting, musical or production role in a community play or musical, passed external examinations in speech, drama or music)

- School leadership (Do you currently hold or have held a school leadership role such as Head Girl/Boy/Prefect and Deputy Head Girl/Boy/Prefect, House Captain, Sports Captain, Leader of a school committee, Peer Group Leader, student representative on Board of Trustees?)
- Academic mentoring (Have you provided any formal academic mentoring or tutoring over one of more school years?)
- Community-based awards and community involvement (Examples include, but are not limited to: Prime Minister's Youth Pacific Awards, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Trustpower Youth Community Spirit Award)
- External leadership programmes (Examples include, but are not limited to: Spirit of Adventure, Outward Bound, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, Model UN, Member of District Youth Council, Young Enviro Leaders Forum, Red Cross Forum, Unicef Youth Ambassador, World Challenge Expedition)

For each area, you will be asked for specific examples to demonstrate your highest level of achievement or participation.

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 so check all your answers before you nominate your endorser.

**Q. Due to COVID-19, I've not been able to undertake the opportunities I had expected to in the past two years. Will this be taken into account?**

A. Yes, in the application form you will have the ability to reflect on how COVID-19 has affected your opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities.

**Q. I've already nominated my endorser, but I forgot to include a significant achievement. What can I do?**

A. If your endorser has not yet completed their endorsement, you can contact the Scholarships Office and request the section be released, which will allow you to update your application form. Email [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto: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
- A brief explanation of why you need the section released

If it is within ten days of the closing date, please mark the subject of your email "Urgent – Scholarship application [name of scholarship]"

## Financial Details

If you are applying for a scholarship for financial need reasons, you will be required to provide details of your financial situation. 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 see this information will be members of the review committee and authorised Scholarships Office staff. Requesting this information ensures that the selection process is fair to all applicants, and that the chosen recipients have genuine financial need.

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance (the Student Allowance calculator can be found [here](#))\*
- Your intention to apply for a StudyLink Student Loan for living costs and/or tuition fees
- Your family's financial situation, including combined parental income, the number and ages of your siblings (if you have any), and whether your immediate family has a family trust
- Your expected income
- The contact details of a person in your community who can verify your financial circumstances, if necessary. This person should ideally be a professional person who knows you and your family well, but who is not a close relative or fellow student

*\* Students who are awarded a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Academic Potential Scholarship will be required to provide a copy of their StudyLink Student Allowance letter to confirm they have met the financial circumstances criteria necessary*



to take up the Scholarship only where the applicant was considered under the demonstrated financial need criteria.

## Accommodation

All applicants are required to make a separate application for University accommodation. If you have not applied for accommodation, your scholarship application cannot be considered (excluding gap year students).

Those who are offered accommodation are required to take up that place in University accommodation in order to hold the scholarship.

In this section you will be asked to confirm your agreement to these requirements.

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

A. 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 in a safe location, with no travel costs or hassles.

### Q. I'm taking a gap year next year, do I need to apply for accommodation?

A. Not this year, but you will need to apply for accommodation for the following year by next year's closing date for the scholarship.

## Declaration of Ethnicity

If you identify as being of Māori and/or Pacific descent, you will be asked to provide the details of someone in your community who can verify your ethnicity, and confirm your recent cultural leadership and participation (see Cultural Leadership section). Select the option that you most identify with and answer the series of questions as accurately as possible.

You will not be able to make any changes to your answers once your verifier has submitted their response so check all your answers before you nominate your verifier.

If you identify as both Māori and Pacific, you will be able to apply for both the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, and both the Waka Moana and Vaka Moana Scholarships. If you are offered more than one scholarship, you will need to choose which scholarship you would prefer to hold.

## Cultural Leadership

(Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship and Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship only)

In this section you will be asked about your cultural leadership and participation over the last two years. Your nominated verifier will also be asked to confirm these activities. Examples include, but are not limited to, involvement in programmes and support services and events offered by groups and organisations such as Wānanga, the Rangatahi Programme, Whakapiki Ake Project, KiaOra Hauora, Hapai te Hauora.

You will not be able to make any changes to your answers once your verifier has submitted their response so check all your answers before you nominate your verifier.

## Requests for Endorsement and Verification

Depending on the scholarship(s) you are applying for, you will need one or more endorsement or verification.

The person(s) you nominate must not be a family member or relative, and it is important that you nominate someone who can vouch for your achievements and/or personal circumstances. You may need to provide evidence or documentation to your endorser and/or verifier so that they can complete their part of the application form.

You will be asked to nominate your chosen endorser and/or verifier and provide a contact

email address. This will trigger an email, requesting they complete a confidential form for you.

Only a nominated endorser or verifier can complete the online form. The Scholarships Office will not accept any documents sent directly by an applicant.

If you need to change your nominated endorser and/or verifier after you have nominated them, and they have not yet completed the form, you can nominate another appropriate person using the same process you previously used. Your previous nominee will no longer have access to your application once you have nominated 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 at [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) for assistance.

You will not be able to submit your application until all sections are completed, and it is your responsibility to allow your endorser/verifier sufficient time to complete their application. Due to the number of applications that the University of Auckland receives for these scholarships, we are unable to follow up on individual endorsements or verifications that are missing from applications.

### School/kura endorser

(All scholarships)

This should be your principal or their nominee (associate/assistant/deputy principal, dean, careers adviser or a teacher). Your school/kura endorser will be asked to verify that the information that you provided in your application is correct. If the information is not correct, a field is available for them to provide further details. They will be endorsing the information provided in the Additional personal factors and Personal achievements sections. They will also be asked to confirm your current academic performance and, for IB students only, the predicted results.

If any of your extra-curricular achievements





were not undertaken at your school or kura, you will need to produce evidence of these to your endorser.

### Ethnicity and Cultural Leadership verification

(Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship and Academic Potential Scholarship only)

Suggested verifiers are a professional person from your community, such as a minister/pastor/priest, doctor, lawyer or school staff member.

#### Q. Can I nominate the same person as endorser and verifier?

A. Yes, you can nominate the same person for both roles, provided they meet all the requirements. You will need to make sure they are aware of all the information they will be endorsing or verifying. They will receive two separate notifications, one for each role.

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

A. Yes, if your endorser has advised you that they are unable to provide you with an 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 has not received an email asking them to provide an endorsement. How can they get access?

A. Please ask your endorser to check their junk mail to see if the email has been directed there. If not, you can resend them the link by following the instructions in the Request section. If they

still don't receive the email, ask them to email [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) and include:

- Your name
- The name of the scholarship you are applying for

Please advise them to make the subject of their email "Urgent – Scholarship endorsement [name of scholarship]".

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

A. 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 [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) and include:

- Your name
- The name of the scholarship you are applying for

Please advise them to make the subject of their email "Urgent – Scholarship endorsement [name of scholarship]".

#### Q. What do I do if the email address for my chosen endorser was incorrect or changed?

A. 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. My endorser has already submitted their form, but I need to nominate a new person?

A. There will need to be exceptional circumstances for this to be done, you can contact the Scholarships Office and request the section be released, which will allow you to update your application form. Email [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto: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
- A brief explanation of why you need to nominate a new endorser and/or verifier

If it is within ten days of the closing date, please make the subject of your email "Urgent – Scholarship application [name of scholarship]".

#### Q. What if my endorsements are sent in late?

A. You will not be able to submit your application if all sections (including your Request sections) 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.

## Other Awards, Scholarships and Grants

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

## Applicant Declaration

This section comprises the conditions for application and awarding of the scholarship, and a declaration that you have read and understood the conditions, and that the application you have completed is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

## Submitting your application

**Q. I have completed my application, but I am unable to submit it. What should I do?**

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

## Application outcomes

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

A. The outcomes for the entry-level scholarships will be notified by 10 October 2022. Please do not contact our office asking about your application prior to this date. Everyone who submits a completed application by the closing date will be sent an email advising the outcome.

**Q. I have applied for a scholarship and have indicated I will be taking a gap year next year. When will I hear the outcome of my application?**

A. Your application will be considered alongside the applications received next year, for study in the following year. You will hear the outcome of your application in October of next year.

**Q. I have applied for an Academic Potential Scholarship, how will I know how much money I will receive?**

A. The outcome of your application will depend on your academic performance and personal circumstances. It will also depend on the number and type of applications we receive. Students with proven financial need will be prioritised for Tier 1 and 2 awards. We are unable to tell anyone in advance how much money they are likely to be awarded, if successful.

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

A. 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. Details of all school leaver scholarships available for 2023 can be found on our website. We'll add a link to the relevant webpage before we put this on the website.

We encourage you to keep an eye on the Scholarships website, where new scholarships and other funding opportunities are added regularly.

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

## Students who have been awarded a scholarship

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

A. 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](mailto:scholarships@auckland.ac.nz)) outlining your circumstances with supporting documents.

**Q. I have received a scholarship that pays my accommodation costs in a hall of residence. Do I need to pay my deposit and move-in fees?**

A. The scholarship will pay the deposit. Your move-in costs (as specified by Accommodation) may also be paid by the deposit. You do not need to pay these costs.

**Q. When will I receive payment of my scholarship?**

A. All scholarships involving lump sum payments will be paid in Semester One and Two as soon as is practicable after confirmation of enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

Before payment is made, checks will be made to confirm that you are enrolled full-time (over both semesters) and that you have met the rank score and grade point equivalent (GPE) requirements to take up your scholarship, and the ongoing grade point average (GPA) requirements to continue to receive payment.

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

A. No, payment for these scholarships 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 happen until mid to late January, after Summer School has started.

You may be eligible for a Summer Start scholarship. Read the scholarship regulations for more details.

**Q. What happens if I have not met the rank score or GPE to take up my scholarship?**

A. If you do not meet the rank score or GPE requirements to take up your scholarship, the scholarship offer may be withdrawn. Any student whose rank score or GPE is close to the requirements will have their eligibility to take up the scholarship reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Q. What happens if I do not meet the GPA requirements to keep my scholarship?**

A. If you don't meet the GPA requirements, we will discuss your situation with you on a case-by-case basis to determine if your scholarship may be suspended until your GPA meets the required level, or if you will lose your scholarship.



# Other funding sources

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## Universities New Zealand

Universities New Zealand — Te Pūkai 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. Visit our [website](#) for 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 help them 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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