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for School-Leaver and First-Year Students 2025



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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.

29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online applications open. ▪ Start thinking about what leadership experience, achievements in academic, sports or arts competitions, and examples of recognition within the community you can include in your application. ▪ Collate supporting evidence of your achievements such as certificates, letters and newspaper/school newsletter articles. ▪ Start completing your application.
25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Join us for online Information Evening or catch up on-demand.
July/early August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decide who you are going to ask to endorse your application. ▪ 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. ▪ Allow your endorser enough time to write you an endorsement.
Mid-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Now is the time for you to follow up with your endorser to make sure it will be submitted by the closing date. ▪ 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.
21 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications close with the Scholarships Office at 11.59pm.
Late-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scholarships Office begins assessing applications.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications are considered by a Selection Committee.
Early October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You can expect to receive the outcome of your application in early October. ▪ This will be sent to the email address you used in your scholarship application.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you are selected for a scholarship, congratulations! ▪ You must accept this offer within two weeks.
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCEA, CIE, IB results are released. ▪ Scholarships Office will check to make sure you have met the requirements for eligibility to take up the Scholarship. ▪ At this time, additional scholarships may be offered to applicants who were not successful in October.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scholarships Office will contact you with information on how your scholarship payments will commence.

A warm welcome to Waipapa Taumata Rau | 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.

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 2025.



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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 \$85 million in scholarships, prizes and awards at all levels of study. More than 500 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 achievement (taking into account a number of factors that may have affected your ability to participate at school or kura)

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.








School-leaver/first-year scholarships and awards





Application closing dates and the range of scholarships mentioned below are indicative only, and may change. Check individual scholarship regulations for more information and updates. Unless otherwise stated, visit the scholarships website for application forms, updated closing dates, and new scholarship opportunities.

scholarships.ac.nz

Scholarship name	Criteria/Target group(s)	Duration	Value per annum	Application closing date
The University of Auckland general scholarships and awards				
University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating exceptional academic performance combined with outstanding sporting, artistic, cultural and/or leadership achievements intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences	1 year	1 year catered accommodation and \$5,000 study support. Total value of up to \$25,000.	21 Aug
University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship	To recognise and reward exceptional academic success from Māori taura who have either engaged in Te Ao Māori, been a high achiever in academic, sports or arts activities, or demonstrated leadership in sports, cultural or community contexts.	3 years	1 year catered accommodation and \$5,000 study support. Total value of up to \$25,000.	21 Aug
University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating academic achievement, taking into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university, intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences.	3 years	1 year catered accommodation and \$5,000 study support. Total value of up to \$25,000.	21 Aug
University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship	To recognise Māori taura of potential who have strong engagement in either Te Ao Māori, their community, the arts or played an exceptional leadership role in sports or cultural contexts, as well as demonstrating academic ability.	1 year	1 year catered accommodation and laptop for study support.	21 Aug
University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship	To recognise indigenous Pacific students who have strong engagement with their school and community, or the arts, or played an exceptional leadership role in sports or cultural contexts, as well as demonstrating academic ability.	1 year	1 year catered accommodation and laptop for study support.	21 Aug
University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents demonstrating academic achievement (taking into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences.	3 years	Three levels of award ¹	21 Aug
Ralph and Eve Seelye Undergraduate Scholarship	Current Year 13 students with demonstrated academic ability and financial hardship who intend to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences.	Duration of programme	Up to \$6,000 pa	10 Oct
Pong, Tams and Ko Scholarship	Domestic and international students with a disability enrolling in full-time or part-time study in an undergraduate degree programme.	1 year	Up to \$8,000	27 Feb
Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship	Current Year 13 students with demonstrated academic ability and financial hardship who intend to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme or Certificate in Health Sciences.	Up to 3 years	Accommodation in Grafton Hall	10 Oct
University of Auckland Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand, who are enrolling full-time or part-time in any year of an undergraduate degree.	1 year	\$7,000	14 Nov
University of Auckland International Student Excellence Scholarship	New full-fee paying international students who are enrolling full time in an undergraduate degree with overseas secondary or post secondary qualifications.	1 Year	\$10,000 fees credit	21 Nov (Sem 1 intake) 10 April (Sem 2 intake)
University of Auckland International School Leaver Scholarship	New full-fee paying international students from New Zealand high schools who are undertaking an undergraduate degree.	1 Year	\$20,000 fees credit	16 Jan
University of Auckland ASEAN High Achievers Scholarship	New full-fee paying international students from ASEAN countries who are enrolling full time in an undergraduate degree with overseas secondary or post secondary qualifications.	1 year	\$10,000 fees credit	21 Nov (Sem 1 intake) 10 Apr (Sem 2 intake)
University of Auckland India High Achievers Scholarship	New full-fee paying international students from India who are enrolling full time in an undergraduate degree with overseas secondary or post secondary qualifications.	1 year	\$20,000 fees credit	21 Nov (Sem 1 intake) 10 Apr (Sem 2 intake)

¹ Tier 1: 1 year catered accommodation \$5,000 for study support. Total value of up to \$25,000. Tier 2: \$10,000 for study support. Tier 3: \$6,000 for study support.

Scholarship name	Criteria/Target group(s)	Duration	Value per annum	Application closing date
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships sponsored by The University of Auckland. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships			
Faculty of Arts				
Faculty of Arts Auckland Schools Scholarship	First year of a BA or BA conjoint degree in the Faculty of Arts, from selected Auckland schools	Up to 3 years	\$5,000 pa	16 Jan
Faculty of Arts Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei Scholarship	Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei students enrolling full-time in any undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Arts	Up to 3 years	\$5,000 pa	31 Oct & 17 Apr
University of Auckland Rongo Manusina Scholarship	Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor of Communication degree	1 year	\$5,000	31 Oct & 17 Apr
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships in the Faculty of Arts. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/arts			
Business School				
Business School Inspiring Futures Scholarship	Current Year 13 students with demonstrated academic ability and financial hardship who intend to enrol full time in a BCom or BProp or associated conjoint degree.	Up to 3 years	\$5,000 pa	10 Oct
Dean's Asia Scholarships	New international students from Asia who are enrolling in a BCom or BProp or associated conjoint degree.	Up to 360 points of study	Tuition fees credit	21 Nov
Kelly Undergraduate Scholarship	New Zealand citizens and permanent residents enrolling full time in an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Business and Economics	Up to 3 years	Up to \$8,000 pa	17 Apr
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships at the Business School. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/bus			
Creative Arts and Industries				
Swedlund Music Scholarship	Domestic and international students enrolling full-time or part-time in any year of a Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Music conjoint degree	1 year	Up to \$8,000	31 Oct
Murray Wren Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture	Current Year 13 students with demonstrated academic merit and financial need who intend to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies	Up to 3 years	Up to \$15,000 pa	10 Oct
Bachelor of Design Game-Changer Scholarship	Domestic and international students enrolling in a Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Design conjoint degree	1 year	\$5,000 pa	6 Mar
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships at Creative Arts and Industries. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/cai			
Faculty of Education and Social Work				
TeachNZ Scholarships (Ministry of Education)	For details about criteria and duration, please refer to teachnz.govt.nz			
Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship	New Zealand citizens and permanent residents enrolling in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work	1 year	Up to \$2,500 each	10 Oct (Round 1) 30 Jan (Round 2)
Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart City of Sails Scholarship	New Zealand citizens and permanent residents who live beyond the Auckland metropolitan area enrolling in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work	1 year	Up to \$5,000 each	10 Oct (Round 1) 30 Jan (Round 2)
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships in the Faculty of Education and Social Work. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/esw			

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Faculty of Engineering				
AUEA Māori Engineering Pathway Award	Māori students enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	1 year	\$2,500–\$10,000	10 Oct
AUEA Pacific Engineering Pathway Award	Pacific students enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	1 year	\$2,500–\$10,000	10 Oct
Faculty of Engineering Kick Start Awards	First year BE(Hons) students, including Māori and Pacific students, students from outside the Auckland area and students demonstrating all round excellence	1 year	Up to \$2,000 each	16 Jan
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships in the Faculty of Engineering. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/eng			
Faculty of Law				
University of Auckland Faculty of Law Entry Level Scholarship	High Achieving New Zealand citizens and permanent residents applying to enrol full-time in an LLB or associated conjoint degree	Up to 2 years	Up to \$1,000 pa	10 Oct
Brookfields Lawyers First in Family Scholarship	New Zealand citizens or permanent residents enrolling in Part II of an LLB who are the first in their family to attend university	1 year	\$4,000	6 Mar
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships at the Law School. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/law			
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences				
John and Rose Dunn Scholarship for Pacific Island Medical Students	Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Samoa or Tonga enrolling in an MBChB programme	One year	Up to \$10,000	10 Apr
Robyn Dixon Nursing Award	New Zealand Citizen or Permanent resident who attended secondary school in West Auckland who is enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing.	1 year	\$2,500	3 Jul
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/mhs			
Faculty of Science				
Department of Physics Scholarship	New Zealand citizens and permanent residents enrolling full time or part time in a BAdvSci(Hons) in Physics or Applied Physics, or a BSc and associated conjoint degrees in Physics or Environmental Physics	1 year	Up to \$6,000 each	1 Nov
Frances Barkley Scholarship	Māori and Pacific students who are New Zealand citizens and permanent residents enrolling in a BSc in Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences or Marine Science or a BAdvSci(Hons) in Ecology or Marine Science	1 year	Up to \$5,000	11 Oct
Faculty of Science High Achiever Undergraduate Entry Scholarship	New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents enrolling in the first year of undergraduate study in the Faculty of Science who have applied for a University of Auckland school-leaver/first-year scholarship.	1 year	\$5,000	No application required
	Go online for information about the full range of first-year scholarships in the Faculty of Science. auckland.ac.nz/schoolleaverscholarships/sci			

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 auckland.ac.nz/schoolleavers.

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

A. Only New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents can apply for the Top Achiever Scholarship, the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Academic Potential Scholarship, 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 2025.

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, Waka Moana Scholarship and Vaka Moana 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.

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 2025, you will need to apply for scholarships 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, helpful hints 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
- 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 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]”



Helpful hints and tips

Getting started

The first section is an overview of the scholarships you can apply for in this form, and some helpful hints on completing your application. You'll also select which of the scholarships you would like to be considered for here.

Personal Details

This section should already be completed for you with the information you provided in your application for admission. Take a quick look and make sure it is all showing correctly. There are instructions in the section on what to do if you need to change anything or if your details aren't showing.

Tell us about you

We'd like to hear a bit about you in this section, particularly about things that might impact on your ability to attend university, or to participate in extra-curricular activities while you have been at secondary school or kura. Even if none of these relate to you, you are still eligible to apply for these scholarships.

The information you include in this section will be sent to your school endorser for verification, so make sure you include everything before you complete the Request section.

My Achievements

This section is where you can tell us about some of the amazing things you have accomplished in the last few years. We understand that there have been some limits on what activities have been available, so this is taken into consideration by the selection committees.

These are the areas included in the form. The examples listed are suggestions only.

- Māori performing arts (e.g. Kapa Haka, Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition)
- Academic competitions (e.g. 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 a regional, national or international level?)
- Sports coaching or umpiring (Have you been involved in any type of sports coaching or umpiring?)
- Arts competitions (e.g. Polyfest, Rockquest, Pacifica by Nature, Stage Challenge, Sheila Winn National Shakespeare Festival, NZ Concert Bands Association, Race Unity Speech Awards, creative writing or song writing competitions, NZ Schools Hip-Hop Competition, Auckland Secondary School Production Competition, Young Singers in Harmony)
- Visual and Performing Arts (e.g. member of a dance company, performing 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 (Have you held a school leadership role such as Head Prefect/Girl/Boy or Deputy Head Prefect/Girl/Boy, House Captain, Sports Captain, leader of a school committee, Peer Group Leader, student representative on Board of Trustees?)
- Community-based awards and community involvement (e.g. Prime Minister's Youth Pacific Awards, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Trustpower Youth Community Spirit Award)

- External leadership programmes (e.g. 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)

My School or Kura

In this section you will provide details of your current and previous education.

If you are undertaking NCEA or CIE, you will be asked to give your consent for the University to access your Level 2 or higher results from your previous year of study from NZQA or the Cambridge International Examinations board. Without your consent we won't be able to process your application.

If you are undertaking IB, your school endorser will be asked to provide your predicted results.

If you are studying under another 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, CIE or IB programme this year, you will need to upload a pdf copy of your academic transcript to your scholarship application.

If you have undertaken any tertiary level courses, such as the Young Scholars programme, or have undertaken Scholarship examinations, you can provide those details as well.

My Study Plans

In this section, you'll be asked about your preferred programme of study, and when you are planning to start your enrolment.

If you are taking a gap year next year, you need to apply now while you are still in your final year of secondary study or kura, and your application will be considered along with next year's applications. If you don't apply this year, you won't be able to apply for these scholarships next year, but you will still be eligible for other scholarships and awards for the first year of study.

By providing your preferred programme, we are able to identify if you are eligible for other scholarships, including faculty specific scholarships that are awarded by nomination to candidates who have applied for one of the major scholarships.

If you change your mind on your preferred programme after you have applied, don't worry, you will still be considered for the scholarships you have applied for. It might change your eligibility for a faculty-specific scholarship.

Information for Māori applicants

If you have Māori ancestry and have applied for the Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship and/or the Waka Moana Scholarship, you will be asked to list your main iwi, hapu and marae and about your whakapapa (**Declaration of Ethnicity** section), about your involvement with your taha Māori (e.g. reconnecting with your language/culture/whenua, involvements with special events or competitions, or roles you may have held within your kura/whānau/hapu/iwi) (**Personal statement** section), and if you have played an active role in Māoritanga or had a leadership role in or involvement in Māori cultural activities within your school or community (e.g. involvement in programmes, support services and events offered by groups or organisations such as Rangatahi, Whakapiki Ake Project, KiaOra Hauora, Hapai te Hauora) (**Cultural Leadership** section). If you are applying for a Waka Moana Scholarship, you will also write a statement on your school citizenship (i.e. school engagement) (**My School or Kura Engagement** section). You can complete these sections in either te reo Māori or English.

You will also be asked to request an endorsement from a kaumatua, marae representative or authorized person from your iwi or runanga who can certify that you are of New Zealand Māori descent and confirm your recent cultural leadership and participation (**Request section - Ethnicity and Cultural Leadership Verification**).

Information for Pacific applicants

If you have indigenous Pacific ancestry and have applied for the Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship and/or the Waka Moana Scholarship, you will be asked to describe your link through descent to indigenous people including outlining your lineage including island and village and your family details from the last two generations (**Declaration of Ethnicity** section), and if you have had a leadership role or actively participated in Pacific cultural activities within your school or community (**Cultural Leadership** section). If you are applying for a Waka Moana Scholarship, you will also write a statement on your school citizenship (i.e. school engagement) (**My School or Kura Engagement** section).

You will be asked to nominate someone from your Pacific community who can certify that you are of Pacific descent. This could be a school staff member (careers adviser, sports coach, teacher) of a professional person from your community (e.g. priest or pastor if you are a member of a church community, a lawyer, doctor or any other professional person). Ideally, your certifier should be of Pacific descent, know you and your family well, and cannot be a close family member (**Request section - Ethnicity and Cultural Leadership Verification**).

Other Scholarships or Awards

In this section you will be asked to provide information about any other scholarships, awards 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 or through external funding agencies.

Application Declaration

This section comprises three declarations:

1. that you have applied for accommodation,
2. that you accept the conditions of applying for a scholarship,
3. that your application is true, correct, and all of your own work

Request sections

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

- School/kura endorser (this should be your principal or their nominee (associate/assistant/deputy principal, dean, careers adviser or a teacher). They will be asked to verify that the information provided in the **Tell us about you** and **My achievements** sections is correct. If the information is not correct, a field is available for them to provide further details. They will also be asked to confirm your current academic performance and IB predicted results (if applicable). If any of your extra-curricular activities were not undertaken at your school/kura you will need to provide evidence of these to your endorser. For applicants to the Waka Moana Scholarship and Waka Moana Scholarship, they will also be asked to comment on your school or kura engagement. You must have completed the **Tell us about you**, **My Achievements** and **My School or Kura Engagement** sections before you nominate your endorser. You will not be able to make any changes to these sections once you have nominated your endorser.
- Ethnicity and Cultural Leadership Verification (see above **Information for Māori Applicants** and **Information for Pacific Applicants**)

The person(s) you nominate must not be a family member or relative, and it is important that you nominate someone who can confirm the information you have supplied in your application. 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.

When you complete a nomination in the Request section, this will trigger an email to the email address you have entered, requesting that they complete a confidential form for you. Only the nominated endorser or verifier can access the online form. The Scholarships Office will not accept any documents sent directly by an applicant.

Your endorser/verifier will have until 25 August to complete their sections, but you should be nominating them with plenty of time before the main closing date of 21 August and follow up as the closing date approaches. You won't be able to nominate them after the closing date. You will be able to see on your application dashboard when their sections have been completed, and you will receive an automated email when each one has been submitted.

FAQS

Endorsement sections

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 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 link and ask them to email scholarships@auckland.ac.nz and include:

- Your name
- The name of the scholarship(s) 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 trouble accessing or submitting their endorsement, ask them to email scholarships@auckland.ac.nz and include:

- Your name
- The name of the scholarship(s) 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 has 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. What do I do if 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 and include:

- Your name
- Your 9-digit University of Auckland ID number
- The name of the scholarship(s) you are applying for
- A brief explanation of why you need to nominate a new endorser and/or verifier

Please make the subject of their email "Urgent – Scholarship application [name of scholarship]".

Q. What if my endorsements are sent in late?

A. Endorsers and verifiers have until the 30th of August to complete their sections. As long as all other sections, including your part of the Request section, are 100% complete, we will submit your application on your behalf.

Submitting your application

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

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

Application outcomes

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

A. Everyone who submits a completed application by the closing date will be sent an email advising the outcome in early October 2024. Please do not contact our office asking about your application prior to this date.

Q. I have applied for a scholarship and have indicated that 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 next year.

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

A. We are unable to tell anyone in advance how much money they are likely to be awarded, if successful. The Review Committee will determine which tier an applicant is awarded based on the number and type of applications we receive. Students with proven financial need will be prioritised for Tier 1 and 2 awards.

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. There is a table of scholarships for the first year of study in this guidebook, and many more listed on our website. New scholarships are added regularly, so keep an eye on the Scholarships website.

We encourage you 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 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 in writing to the Scholarships Office (scholarships@auckland.ac.nz) outlining your circumstances with supporting documents. The final decision on this rests with the Scholarships Office.

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 after your enrolment for each semester can be confirmed after the final date that you can add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

Before any payments are made, we will check to confirm you are enrolled full-time (over both semesters) and that you have met the required rank score and grade point equivalent (GPE) requirements to take up your scholarship, or achieved the required passing grades or grade point average (GPA) to continue to receive payments.

Q. I am enrolling in Summer School as a first-year student. Can I get my scholarship paid 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 Kōkiri Raumati Scholarship for Summer School. 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 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 passing grades or GPA requirements to keep my scholarship?

A. If you don't meet the passing grade or GPA requirements outlined in the regulations for your scholarship, 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.



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

Support for Māori students – learn about the support services available and communities you can join as a Māori student at the University of Auckland

Support for Pacific students – learn about the support services and communities you can join as a Pacific student at the University of Auckland

Parents and Whānau – information for parents and caregivers

Ratonga Hauātanga Tauria | Student Disability Services (SDS) – Creating a safe, inclusive and equitable educational environment for students with disabilities at the University of Auckland

Learning essentials – develop your research 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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Library
Museum
Science Building
Engineering Building
Business School
Sports Centre



Contact:

Email: scholarships@auckland.ac.nz

Phone: 0800 61 62 63

Student Hub

City Campus

Te Herenga Mātauranga Whānui | General Library

Building 109

5 Alfred Street

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