Sir Edmund Hillary Medal

Regulations
The purpose of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal is to recognise annually the most significant contribution to excellence amongst graduates of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme.

1. Eligibility
1.1. Applicants must be Hillary Scholars completing their current qualification in the year of application.

2. Value
2.1. Up to two medals will be awarded annually.
2.2. The successful applicant(s) will receive a medal and a $1,500 cash award.

3. Application
3.1. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed online form by 30 November annually.
3.2. Applicants should include with their application:
   3.2.1. A completed Personal Statement form (the template can be downloaded from the online application form);
   3.2.2. A curriculum vitae (maximum four A4 pages);
   3.2.3. A reference from a person relevant to the applicant’s sporting code or performing/creative art, attesting to the applicant’s achievements and potential to further excel; and
   3.2.4. A reference attesting to the applicant’s leadership qualities and experience.

4. Selection Criteria
4.1. Awards will be made in the following areas:
   4.1.1. One medal will be awarded to a graduating performing or creative art scholar; and
   4.1.2. One medal will be awarded to a graduating sport scholar.
4.2. Selection will be based on:
   4.2.1. Outstanding academic achievement;
   4.2.2. A very high level of performance in either a sporting code or a performing or creative art; and
4.2.3. Exceptional leadership.

5. **Selection Panel**
   5.1. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive will act as the Selection Panel for these awards.
   5.2. The Selection Panel may consult with representatives of relevant sporting or creative partners to assess the standing of any achievements listed in an applicant’s CV or personal statement.
   5.3. The Selection Panel may, at its discretion, require an applicant to undertake an interview or audition.
   5.4. The Selection Panel may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.
   5.5. The Selection Panel submits its recommendations for the Medals to the Scholarships Executive for final approval.
   5.6. The Scholarships Executive reserves the right to award fewer Sir Edmund Hillary Medals than the maximum available in any given year if they feel the applications are not of sufficient merit.
   5.7. The Scholarships Executive’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. **Awarding**
   6.1. All applicants will be advised via email of the outcome of their application.
   6.2. Successful applicants must advise the University’s Scholarships Team of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.

7. **Other Conditions**
   7.1. Scholars may only receive a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal once.
   7.2. The Sir Edmund Hillary Medal may be held in conjunction with any other prize, award or scholarship, as long as the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.
   7.3. By accepting a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
   7.4. The Scholarships Executive may terminate an award at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not complying with the regulations governing the award and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient of an award shall have the right to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor against any decision to terminate the award.