BACKGROUND

The Acorn Foundation is a charitable trust which was formed in 2003, to connect generous people who care with causes that matter, forever.

Funds received are invested in perpetuity, and the investment income is used to support community groups and provide scholarships.

Eva Trowbridge was born in Sunderland, England and emigrated to New Zealand with her husband, Norman, in 1962. Eva did domestic cleaning at the Tauranga Hospital for 25 years. Norman was a painter for the Railways for many years and died in 1999 (aged 81 years).

Eva was a quiet lady who loved everything about England. She was a staunch Royalist and loved “red, white and blue”.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Acorn Foundation Eva Trowbridge Scholarship was established to financially assist adult students (25 years and over) studying at the University of Waikato Tauranga campus. Awards will be made on academic merit, financial circumstances, leadership, and contribution to the community.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
   a) be 25 years or over;
   b) enrol at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus; and,
   c) reside in the areas administered by Tauranga City Council or Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

3. Value

3.1. One scholarship will be awarded and shall have a value of $3,000\(^1\).

4. Awarding

4.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

4.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum to the recipient after the withdrawal date for a semester in the year following the award.

\(^1\text{This amount will be pro-rated for students who are enrolled part-time over the tenure of the Scholarship.}\)
5. Application

5.1. The closing date for applications is **30 September**.

5.2. Applicants should complete the official Acorn Foundation Eva Trowbridge Scholarship application form.

5.3. The following information must be included on the application:
   a) a personal statement summarising the applicant’s suitability for the award, focusing particularly on community contribution including leadership roles, and financial circumstances;
   b) a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages in length); and,
   c) two references (one academic and one character).

6. Selection Panel

6.1. The panel will comprise of the Tauranga Liaison Partnership Manager (or nominee), a representative of the University’s Scholarships Committee, and the Tauranga Manager - Student and Academic Services (or nominee).

6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

6.3. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other prize, scholarship or award.

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.3. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the appropriate University Committee\(^2\) against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.4. The University may from time to time vary these regulations after consultation with the Acorn Foundation.

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\(^2\) Student appeals for University of Waikato Scholarship granted for undergraduate or completely taught postgraduate level study should be made to the Education Committee; student appeals for research level study (e.g. Masters) should be made to the Research Committee.