BACKGROUND

This Scholarship aims to support students of the secondary schools of Piopio, Te Kuiti, and Otorohanga to access study at the University of Waikato. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of evidence of financial need, personal circumstances, leadership and community roles, academic ability, and commitment to succeed in university study. The Scholarship recognises the partnership between the University of Waikato and the secondary schools of Piopio, Te Kuiti, and Otorohanga and supports our shared commitment to creating pathways to excellence for students beyond their secondary school years.

1. Purpose

1.1. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of evidence of financial need, personal circumstances, leadership and community roles, academic ability, and commitment to succeed in university study.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:
   a) be studying at Te Kuiti High School, Piopio College, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto, or Otorohanga College in 2017;
   b) be studying at NCEA Level 3 towards University Entrance;
   c) be intending to enrol at the University of Waikato for the first time in 2018, commencing study in the first semester of 2018;
   d) be applying to enrol at the University of Waikato to study full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in an undergraduate degree; and
   e) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value

3.1. Scholarships will have a value of up to $5,000 and will be applied to tuition fees (including student services levy) at the University of Waikato.

3.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

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Candidates who have undertaken STAR papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.
4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **14 September 2017**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must provide:
   a) a personal statement (on the prescribed form) that outlines the following:
      o Commitment to succeed at University
      o Financial need
      o Personal circumstances
      o Leadership and community involvement
      o Future aspirations
   b) a completed Principal’s assessment form (using the prescribed form)
   c) a NCEA School Results Summary

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. In awarding the Scholarships, the Selection Panel will take into consideration financial need, personal circumstances (for example, first-in-family to study at University), leadership and community roles, academic ability, and the commitment to succeed in university study.

5.2. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial hardship and a commitment to succeed in university study.

6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Scholarships will be awarded by a Selection Panel comprising:
   a) The Vice-Chancellor
   b) The Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student and Information Services)
   c) The Dean of the School of Graduate Research (Chairperson)
   d) The Programme Director (Pathways to Excellence)
   e) The Māori Student Achievement Manager

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

7. Awarding

7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Piopio, Te Kuiti and Otorohanga School Leaver Scholarship: Te Ara ki Angitū can be held in conjunction with a University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship or University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship with Excellence; however, together the total value of the two Scholarships awarded to a candidate will be capped.
   a) The combined value will be capped at $6,000 for candidates who are eligible for a University of Waikato school Leaver Scholarship.
   b) The combined value will be capped at $7,000 Candidates who are eligible for the University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship with Excellence.

8.2. The Scholarship may not be held together with any other University of Waikato tuition fees scholarship.
8.3. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 105 points for the 2018 academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

8.4. Recipients may be required to attend a Te Ara ki Angitū orientation in the week prior to the official University orientation.

8.5. In signing and returning the Scholarship Acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship.

8.6. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship.

8.7. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

8.8. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.