Purpose

The Raukawa Settlement Trust and Mercury Partnership Scholarship with the University of Waikato will be offered for the first time for 2018. This Scholarship has been designed to support Raukawa descendants to achieve their potential through study at the University of Waikato and to recognise the importance that the Raukawa Settlement Trust and Mercury place on university education.

Regulations

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
       1.1.1. be a registered member on the Raukawa Settlement Trust Tribal Database¹; and
       1.1.2. be enrolled, or intending to enrol, full-time (i.e. 120 points) in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato in 2018.

2. Value
   2.1. Scholarships will have a value of up to $5,000 and will be credited directly towards the successful applicant’s 2018 tuition fees.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 27 October 2017.
   3.2. Applications must include a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) outlining the applicant’s commitment to:
       • Raukawa cultural identity, including te reo me ngā tikanga o Raukawa;
       • Whānau, hapū, marae and community wellbeing within Raukawa; and
       • A healthy and sustainable environment for Raukawa.
   The personal statement should also include an outline of the applicant’s:
       • Financial need and personal circumstances (e.g. first in family to study at University);
       • Leadership and community roles;
       • Academic ability;
       • Commitment to succeed in University study; and
       • Study plans for 2018.
   3.3. Applications must also be accompanied by a letter of support from the applicant’s marae or a kaumātua from that marae.

¹ Please note: To be eligible for this Scholarship, applicants must be registered members on the Raukawa Settlement Trust Tribal Database. Applicants who are not yet registered on the tribal database will need to allow sufficient time to complete the tribal registration process before submitting a Scholarship application. The link to the tribal database registration is: https://www.raukawa.org.nz/tribal-register/
4. Selection Criteria

4.1. In awarding the Scholarships, the Selection Panel will take into consideration the applicant’s commitment to Raukawa, personal and financial circumstances, leadership and community roles, academic ability, and commitment to succeed in University study.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee, a representative from the Raukawa Settlement Trust, a representative from Mercury, an academic staff member of the University of Waikato who is nominated to this panel by the Raukawa Settlement Trust and Mercury, and the Director of Regional Engagement.

5.2. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding & Tenure

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer letter or the offer will lapse.

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

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

7. Other Conditions

7.1. Recipients must remain enrolled for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment in 2018 (i.e. 120 points), the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

7.2. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

7.3. 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 any portion of tuition fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship.

7.4. The Scholarships Executive, in consultation with the Raukawa Settlement Trust and Mercury, may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is:

7.4.1. Not following the required programme of study;

7.4.2. Not otherwise complying with the regulations of the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato; or

7.4.3. Not representing the Raukawa Settlement Trust in an appropriate manner.

7.5. The recipient of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Raukawa Settlement Trust and Mercury. In addition, the recipient(s) must attend a meeting of the Raukawa Settlement Trust (time and date will be confirmed as early as possible) to meet the trustees and to report back to the iwi on progress.