**Purpose**

The University of Waikato Magic Netball Scholarship was established in 2016 through the partnership between the University of Waikato and the Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone ('Magic'). The University of Waikato is committed to strengthening partnerships with community and national sporting bodies to foster excellence in high performance sport.

**Regulations**

1. **Eligibility**

   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

      1.1.1. be a contracted member of Magic netball in the year of tenure;

      1.1.2. be enrolling for either full-time (minimum of 105 credit points) or part-time (minimum of 45 credit points) study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;

      1.1.3. meet the entry requirements for the programme they intend to enrol in at the University of Waikato; and

      1.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

   1.2. Officials, referees, and umpires are not eligible for consideration.

2. **Value**

   2.1. The University will award a maximum of three (3) full-time (or equivalent) scholarships annually.

   2.2. The Scholarship will cover the cost of the recipient's domestic tuition fees only, for one year of undergraduate study. Associated enrolment fees such as the Student Services Levy are excluded.

   2.3. The Scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient's fees account with the University of Waikato, at the time of enrolment.

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1 Includes contracted members of the Magic Netball Team, Magic training partners, and Beko squad members.
3. **Application**

3.1. Applications must be submitted online **by 15 February** annually.

3.2. All applicants must provide:

   3.2.1. a curriculum vitae (maximum four A4 pages) providing evidence of excellence in sport both inside and outside of the school/university context; and

   3.2.2. a personal statement including; sporting aspirations, personal attributes and leadership initiatives, and academic interests and achievements.

   3.2.3. A letter of support from the Coach or National Body.

3.3. Applicants enrolling at the University of Waikato for the first time must also provide:

   3.3.1. their most recent available secondary school results; and

   3.3.2. proof of citizenship.

4. **Selection Criteria**

4.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of sporting potential, leadership and academic merit.

5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the University’s Scholarships Committee, the CEO of Magic and the Hillary Programme Manager (or nominees).

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

6. **Awarding & Tenure**

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship is subject to the recipient enrolling in the programme of study indicated on their Scholarship application, in the year of tenure.

6.2. All applicants will be advised via email of the outcome of their application.

6.3. The Scholarship must be accepted within two weeks of the date the offer is made. If a recipient fails to accept the Scholarship within this timeframe, the offer will lapse.

6.4. The tenure of the Scholarship is one year.

6.5. Current recipients of the Scholarship may re-apply for the Scholarship for the following year. They must follow the application process as outlined in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 above and provide a transcript of academic results from their previous year of study.

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other tuition fees scholarships offered by the University of Waikato but may be held with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
7.2. A Scholarship awarded for part-time study may not subsequently be increased for the purpose of full-time study.

7.3. Recipients of this Scholarship will be expected to continue with their sport at the level currently attained or higher, while at University.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the approved programme of study, is not making satisfactory progress academically or with their sport, or is not otherwise complying with the regulations of the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato.

7.4.1. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the relevant University Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.5. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or Magic.

7.6. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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2 Student appeals for University of Waikato Scholarships 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.