

Contribution to the University

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There are many scholarships for which contribution to the University of Waikato is a major factor in the selection of a recipient. Even if having a strong involvement with the University is not specifically spelt out in the regulations of the award (and for many it is), Selection Panels are still often very impressed by an applicant who contributes to the academic and social life at Waikato. You can become involved in a number of ways; we have offered a few suggestions below, and are sure you will find many more.

Being a Class Representative

You are very likely to be familiar with the process of electing class representatives at the beginning of each semester; this usually simply requires putting your hand up and volunteering for the position! This is an excellent way to become a little more involved with the University, looks great on a Scholarship application, and is not normally considered an onerous task. You can find out further details about being a class rep from www.waikato.ac.nz/sasd/enrolment/studrep2.shtml. Should you wish to take this representation one step further, there are positions for student reps on Boards of Studies, and on the Academic Board.

Clubs

Being involved in a University Club is not only a lot of fun, but also a great way to participate a little more in University life. There are many cultural and sporting clubs affiliated with the University, and the details of these can be found at www.wsu.org.nz/clubs (cultural clubs) or www.unirec.co.nz/main.cfm (sporting clubs). If there are no clubs in the area of your interest, why not find a group of like-minded people and create one? The Waikato Student Union can assist you with affiliating your group to the University.

Arranging Study Groups

Arranging an additional study group for students in a particular paper or subject can have a number of benefits; you will get to know your classmates better, become more involved in the University, and, of course, reap the benefits academically. These groups could meet at a Uni café, the Library, or there may even be some space available in your department for regular meetings.

Being more involved with the University than simply coming to classes and going home again not only looks good on your scholarship applications and your CV, but can also be a lot of fun, as we are sure you will discover.