

Sir Edmund Hillary Medal



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REGULATIONS FOR THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEDAL

BACKGROUND

The award of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal was established in 2006, to recognize the most significant contribution to excellence among graduates of the Sir Edmund Hillary Programme.

PURPOSE

1. Up to two Sir Edmund Hillary Medals will be offered on an annual basis to students currently on the Sir Edmund Hillary Programme, who will be completing their degree in the year of application.
2. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, applicants must demonstrate:
 - (a) outstanding academic achievement
 - (b) a very high level of performance in either
 - (i) a sporting code, or
 - (ii) a performing or creative art
 - (c) exceptional leadership.
3. Scholars may only receive the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal once.

APPLICATIONS

4. Applications for the Award must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarships Office on the prescribed form by 30 November in each year.
5. Up to two medals will be awarded annually by the University of Waikato. They will be awarded in the following areas:
 - (a) One medal will normally be awarded to a graduating student deemed to have performed at the highest level whose special skill area has been in a creative or performing arts discipline
 - (b) One medal will normally be awarded to a graduating student deemed to have performed at the highest level whose special skill area has been a sport
6. Applicants should include with their application:
 - (a) A personal statement (as detailed in point 6 below)
 - (b) A curriculum vitae
 - (c) A reference from a person involved with an agency relevant to the applicant's sporting code or creative / performing art, attesting to the applicant's achievements and potential to further excel.
 - (d) A reference attesting to the applicants leadership qualities.
7. The personal statement submitted for this Award should cover the applicant's reasons for believing that they would make a suitable candidate for a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal. It should also highlight information relating to special contributions, demonstration of leadership, publications, and special milestones, and may include an insight into the candidate's longer-term aspirations. It may also include particular circumstances that might have impacted on the performance of the candidate at any time.

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AWARDING

8. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will decide on the recipients of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal.
9. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will consider the applications and may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.
10. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group may consult with representatives of relevant sporting or creative agencies to assess the standing of any achievements listed in the applicant's portfolio.
11. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group may, at its discretion, require the applicant to undertake an interview or audition.
12. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will determine the Awards and report to the Scholarships Committee.
13. The decision of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group is final.
14. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group reserves the right to award fewer Sir Edmund Hillary Medals than the maximum available in any year.
15. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of an Award in writing and must advise the University's Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.
16. The award of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal will consist of:
 - (a) A medal
 - (b) A \$1,500 cash award.
17. The Sir Edmund Hillary Medal may be held in conjunction with any other awards offered by the University of Waikato.

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APPLICATION FORM

This application must be submitted to: The Scholarships Office
The Gateway
The University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
HAMILTON 3240

Applications close at 5.00 pm on **30 November**

Enquiries can be directed to: (07) 858 5136 or
(07) 838 4489 or
scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

Please ensure that all questions are answered and that all the required attachments accompany this application form. You may jeopardise your chances of success if you do not complete your application properly.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

Surname:

Given name(s):

University of Waikato ID Number:

POSTAL ADDRESS

For correspondence regarding this application

Street Number and Name:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Cell Phone:

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APPLICATION DETAILS

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Please indicate the qualification which you are currently enrolled in, and which you will complete this year

Qualification:

Faculty / School:

Department:

I am enrolled: Full-time Part-time

SPORT OR CREATIVE / PERFORMING ART

Please indicate your sport or creative / performing art:

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Please list any academic awards you have received which you wish the Selection Committee to be made aware of:

REFERENCES

These references should be sent directly to the Scholarships Office

Sport or Creative / Performing Art Referee

Name and position held:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Leadership Referee

Name and position held:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following to your application form:

- A personal statement (as detailed in point 6 of the regulations)
- A Curriculum Vitae

IMPORTANT NOTES

All applications are photocopied to be distributed to Selection Panel members. Therefore, please do not bind your application or present it in a folder, as this will be of no benefit to you. Preferably, your application should consist of loose pages clipped in one corner by a bulldog clip (if you use staples, these will need to be removed, which can damage the paper). Colour printing is also unnecessary, as all applications will be copied in black and white.

Please do not include original documents with your application as they will not be returned; photocopies are acceptable.

All documents included in your application should be A4 size. If you have smaller certificates etc., copy them to an A4 piece of paper and include this in your application. Any documents of other sizes may not be copied and distributed to the Selection Panel with the rest of your application.

▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information provided in this application will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your eligibility and suitability for a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Sir Edmund Hillary Selection Committee, members of the Hillary Programme Executive Committee, members of the Scholarships Committee and staff of the Scholarships Office. The Selection Committee may consult on a confidential basis with representatives of relevant sporting or creative agencies to assess the standing of any achievements listed in your application.

The University of Waikato undertakes to store your application in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining a Medal or are selected as a reserve candidate for the Award. The University of Waikato undertakes to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality, in the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an Award. Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

The University may contact the persons you have named in your application as referees for further information. Any such direct contact with these referees will be made on a strictly confidential basis. The University may not divulge details to you about the content of such confidential references without the written authorization of the referee concerned.

▼ SIGN HERE

Signature:

Date:

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REFEREE'S REPORT – SPORT / ART

Applicant's Name:

Student ID:

Please provide a confidential reference on, or attached to, this form attesting to the above-named applicant's achievements and potential to further excel in their sport or creative / performing art . This reference will only be used by the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Executive Group in determining the applicant's eligibility for a Medal.

Please send your reference to the following address by **30 November**:

The Scholarships Office
The University of Waikato
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Referee's Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

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REFEREE'S REPORT - LEADERSHIP

Applicant's Name:

Student ID:

Please provide a confidential reference on, or attached to, this form attesting to the leadership qualities of the above-named applicant for a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal. This reference will only be used by the Sir Edmund Hillary Executive Group in determining the applicant's eligibility for a Medal.

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Referee's Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:
